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AT ITS

129th Semi-Annual Conclave

MAY 11, 1935, A. O. 817

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 11, 1935

A CONSTITUTIONAL number of Commanderies being represented Grand Commandery re-convened at 3.30 P.M. our Grand Prelate, Rev. Francis W. Gibbs invoking Divine blessing and guidance, R.∴E.∴Sir Arthur S. Vaughn presiding.

Present 127 Templars, representing 42 Commanderies. St. John's Commandery No. 1 Escort under command of Sir Knight John Morgan, Captain of the Guard, assisted in the reception of the following named distinguished visitors:—

R.∴P.∴Arthur D. Prince, General Grand P. C., General Grand Council R. & S. M., U. S. A.
M.∴I.∴Henry S. See, Grand Master Grand Council R. & S. M. of R. I.
M.∴E.∴Ralph Lowe, Jr., G. H. P. Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts.
M.∴E.∴Victor A. Frazier, G. H. P. Grand R. A. Chapter of Rhode Island.
Ill.∴William L. Sweet, 33°, Deputy for Rhode Island A. A. S. R.
R.∴E.∴Allen M. Hall, G.C. . . . . Vermont
R.∴E.∴Frank A. Fish, G.C. . . . . New Hampshire
R.∴E.∴Edward A. Cram, G.C. . . . . Maine
R.∴E.∴Charles H. Vigue, P.G.C. . . . . Maine
R.∴E.∴Fred E. Northrup, G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.∴E.∴Horace M. N. Sigman, P.G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.∴E.∴Ansel A. Packard, P.G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.∴E.∴Harry G. Pollard, Grand Generalissimo G.E.K.T. of U.S.A.
R.∴E.∴C. Byron Lear, Grand Sword Bearer G.E.K.T. of U. S. A.
M.∴W.∴Charles W. Littlefield, Grand Master Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of R. I.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

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E.∴Sir GEORGE T. EVERETT . . . . . *Grand Captain General*
E.∴Sir ADELBERT E. PLACE . . . . . *Grand Senior Warden*
E.∴Sir HARRISON HYSLOP . . . . . *Grand Junior Warden*
E.∴Sir and Rev. FRANCIS W. GIBBS . . . . . *Grand Prelate*
E.∴Sir CHARLES W. HENDERSON, JR. . . . . *Grand Treasurer*
E.∴Sir MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER . . . . . *Grand Recorder*
E.∴Sir ARTHUR A. A. STEWART . . . . . *Grand Standard Bearer*
E.∴Sir JOHN E. RINES . . . . . *Grand Sword Bearer*
E.∴Sir EARL C. WHELDEN . . . . . *Grand Warder*
E.∴Sir HERBERT F. SAWYER . . . . . *Grand Sentinel*
E.∴Sir ARLAN M. SPENCER . . . . . *Grand Captain of the Guard*

E.·.Sir Ralph A. Robbins	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir William O. Tuckerman	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir George B. Sampson	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir C. William Morrill	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Carl E. Burdick	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir James Moorhead, Jr.	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir G. Lester Marston	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Everett B. Stacey	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Winfield Temple	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Herbert W. Wilder	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Louis E. Dafgard	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Arthur H. Nourse	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir John W. Mason	*Division Commander*
E.·.Sir Hervey Mason	*Inspector Instructor*

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R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd
R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton

REPRESENTATIVES

Colorado	R.·.E.·.Sir Charles R. Hunt
Florida	E.·.Sir Charles T. Converse
Georgia	E.·.Sir Dean K. Webster
Illinois	E.·.Sir William A. Mann
Iowa	R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton
Maine	E.·.Sir George T. Everett
Maryland	R.·.E.·.Sir Walter W. Burnham
Michigan	R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick H. Briggs
Minnesota	E.·.Sir Wm. M. Burchfield
Missouri	R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard
Montana	E.·.Sir Hervey Mason
Nebraska	E.·.Sir Herbert F. Sawyer
New Jersey	R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn
New Mexico	R.·.E.·.Sir Benj. F. Downing
North Carolina	R.·.E.·.Sir Frank L. Nagle
North Dakota	E.·.Sir N. Arthur Hyland
Ohio	E.·.Sir Charles W. Henderson, Jr.
Pennsylvania	R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
South Carolina	E.·.Sir Martin J. Pleschinger
Virginia	R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd
Washington	V.·.E.·.Sir Harold W. Sprague

The Grand Commander extended a cordial welcome and greeting calling attention to the celebration and parade commemorative of the 130th anniversary of this Grand Commandery which will be held tomorrow (Sunday, May 12,) and urged all to take part.

He stated that he had made 62 visits thus far in his term. Reported that all reports from the Division Commanders had been received, said the one disturbing element was the large amount of outstanding dues and emphasized the need of a

closer collection. He complimented E.·.Sir William A. Mann on his splendid work in the development of the Social Department, also E.·.Sir Hervey Mason on his work as Inspector Instructor.

He announced the passing of R.·.E.·.Sir Henry C. Dexter, Grand Commander 1921–1922. Died April 13, 1935. Grand Commandery stood at attention, uncovered while the organist played an appropriate selection in respect to the departed's memory.

M.·.W.·.Charles W. Littlefield, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, on being presented, expressed his pleasure on being present, especially to be the guest of Grand Commandery and to meet those whom he knew so well. He paid the compliments of Grand Lodge to Grand Commandery. He spoke of the lack of interest in Masonic life, said there must be a revival of interest created and that the problems before us must be solved by the leaders of the various Masonic bodies. He stated that the question of leadership in all of our bodies is the first essential and cautioned all to look well to the men whom we choose as our leaders, if this is faithfully done, he said, we will be successfully lead out of the morass. Let us so live and act that the outsiders will look to us for guidance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret at inability to attend from M.·.E.·.Sir Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States and Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, Asso. Grand Prelate, were read.

REPORTS

Committee on Jurisprudence: None.
Committee on Charters and Dispensations: None.

NEW BUSINESS

E.·.Sir Dean K. Webster moved that the Boston Penny Savings Bank be instructed to enter a permanent order to pay all dividends on the principal amount of The Educational Fund Reserve created by vote of the Grand Commandery October 24, 1933, to the Grand Treasurer for the benefit of the Educational Foundation of this Grand Commandery. This motion was duly seconded and on motion of R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick H. Briggs it was adopted.

E.·.Sir Charles W. Pike, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery No. 21, presented the following:—

"I move that the Annual Report of the Treasurer and the

Finance Committee be itemized as fully as possible, printed, and placed in the hands of the members of this Grand Commandery previous to the Annual Conclave each year."

Signed CHARLES W. PIKE.

This motion was duly seconded by E∴Sir Dean K. Webster and carried.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

E∴Sir Dean K. Webster presented the following:—

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:—

We desire to present for your consideration the need for a revision of Article IV of the Grand Regulations relating to the Educational Fund. A review of these sections demonstrates that some of these provisions are obsolete and many are both unnecessary and unworkable as the Fund is being operated at the present time.

The following changes are recommended with the request that they be accepted and adopted at this Semi-Annual Conclave.

1. That the name "Educational Fund" be changed to "Educational Foundation" in order to conform with the official name adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1928 and that wherever the words occur in Article IV they be corrected accordingly.

2. That section I be cancelled and the following be substituted therefor:

"Section I. The Educational Foundation shall consist of all monies heretofore received by or allocated to the "Educational Fund" and those monies which hereafter shall be received from assessments, fees and contributions, or which shall be specifically allocated to said Foundation from any source, together with all interest or other income therefrom."

3. Eliminate Section 4, Paragraph (a). The reasons for this provision no longer exist. The whole paragraph evidently refers to a time when assessments of $1.00 per member were being directed by the Grand Encampment and a portion of the same being held temporarily by that Body.

4. Eliminate Section 5 and substitute therefor the following:

"Section 5. Said Trustees shall hold regular stated and special meetings as they may vote, provide, and shall formulate and establish rules and regulations for the systematic and prompt execution of the powers conferred by this resolution. They shall have any and all necessary facilities faithfully to discharge their trust. They shall receive no personal compensation, but their necessary travelling or like expenses may be paid from the funds. However, the total expense of administration hereunder in any one year shall not exceed the income received in that year from interest, service charges and registration fees unless such excess expenditure be specifically approved by the Grand Commander."

5. Eliminate Section 6 and substitute therefor the following:

Section 6. The Educational Foundation, when and as collected shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and held under a separate account to be designated "Educational Foundation." Withdrawals for the payment of regular expenses shall be made by the Grand Treasurer upon evidence of the Trustees' approval satisfactory to the Grand Commander. Withdrawals for approved student loans shall be made by the Grand Treasurer in the form of a draft or warrant payable jointly to the college and the student, countersigned by the Executive Secretary."

6. Eliminate Section 7 and substitute therefor the following:

"Section 7. All monies received for account of the Foundation by the Trustees or by the Executive Secretary shall be paid forthwith to the Grand Treasurer, who shall deposit the same in any public chartered depository of well-known responsibility in Massachusetts or Rhode Island in the name of the Educational Foundation, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, subject to withdrawals as defined in this Article; any officer or employee of the Trustees having charge of money shall be required to furnish a bond in such amount and with such surety company as shall be acceptable to the Trustees and the Grand Commander, the cost of same to be charged to the expenses of administration."

7. In Section 9, substitute the date September 30, for September 1st., and the words "ten days" for "two weeks" so that this amended section shall read:

"Section 9. The Trustees shall prepare and present to the Grand Commandery each year a full and complete report of all transactions of the Trustees for the current year ending September 30th. Said report shall be printed and mailed to each member of the Grand Commandery at least ten days before the Annual Conclave."

8. Eliminate Section 10, and substitute therefor the following:

"Section 10. The books and accounts of the Trustees shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant satisfactory to the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the auditor's report shall be included in the report of the Finance Committee at the Annual Conclave."

9. Section 11. Retain only the first sentence. Eliminate all

else as the power of the Grand Commander is already given in Section 4, paragraph (d).

To renumber all Sections and paragraphs affected by these changes.

Committee

DEAN K. WEBSTER
FRANK C. HARRINGTON
FRANCIS W. GIBBS

Accepted and adopted.

The Committee of the Day reported that dinner and Ladies' Night with entertainment would be held in Hotel Narragansett at 6.30 o'clock.

Benediction was pronounced by our Grand Prelate Rev. Francis W. Gibbs.

Adjourned at 5 o'clock.

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE Grand Commandery of Knights Templars AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND OCTOBER 30, 1935 A. O. 817

BOSTON, MASS., October 30, 1935.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in form at Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., at 9.30 A.M., R.∴E.∴Sir Arthur S. Vaughn, Grand Commander, presiding, invocation being led by E.∴Sir and Rev. Francis W. Gibbs, Grand Prelate. All Commanderies, 53 in number, were represented with an attendance of 282.

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E.∴Sir RALPH A. ROBBINS	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir GEORGE B. SAMPSON	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir CARL E. BURDICK	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir JAMES MOORHEAD, Jr.	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir G. LESTER MARSTON	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir EVERETT B. STACEY	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir WINFIELD TEMPLE	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir HERBERT W. WILDER	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir LOUIS E. DAFGARD	*Division Commander*
E.∴Sir ARTHUR H. NOURSE	*Division Commander*
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R.·.E.·.Sir James A. Gunn
R.·.E.·.Sir Norris G. Abbott
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing
R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd
R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton

Under escort of a committee and the escort from Bay State Commandery No. 38, Sir Knight F. Burrell Linnehan, Captain of the Guard, the following named distinguished fraters and guests were formally received and welcomed by our Grand Commander, R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn:

R.·.E.·.Sir Everett B. Tomlinson, G.C. . . . . New York
E.·.Sir Chalmers L. Pancoast, G.C. . . . . New York
E.·.Sir Roylands G. Humes, G.Rep. . . . . New York
R.·.E.·.Sir William Moseley Brown, G.C. . . . . Virginia
R.·.E.·.Sir John O. Baxendale, G.C. . . . . Vermont
V.·.E.·.Sir C. Forrest Dowe, D.G.C. . . . . Vermont
R.·.E.·.Sir John R. Temple, P.G.C. . . . . Vermont
R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick E. Everett, G.C. . . . . New Hampshire
R.·.E.·.Sir Frank A. Fish, P.G.C. . . . . New Hampshire
R.·.E.·.Sir William Porter Niles, P.G.C. . . . . New Hampshire
R.·.E.·.Sir David H. Treadwell, G.C. . . . . Connecticut
V.·.E.·.Sir Frank L. Wilder, D.G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.·.E.·.Sir Horace M. Sigman, P.G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.·.E.·.Sir Ansel A. Packard, P.G.C. . . . . Connecticut
R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard, G.G. . . . . Grand Encampment U.S.A.
R.·.E.·.Sir C. Byron Lear, G.S.B. and Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.
Ill.·.Frederick W. Hamilton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts A.A.S.R.
R.·.P.·.Arthur D. Prince, General Grand P.C. General Grand Council of R. & S. M., U.S.A.
M.·.I.·.Arthur A. A. Stewart, Grand Master Grand Council R. & S. M. of Massachusetts.
M.·.E.·.Ralph Lowe, Jr., Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.
M.·.W.·.Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials reported that all Constituent Commanderies (53 in number) were represented with a total attendance of 282.

A motion was made and carried expressing the thanks of this Grand Commandery to the escort of Bay State Commandery No. 38 for their services at this session.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE

Grand Commander

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Greeting:

Sir Knights:

At this, the One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which closes another page in the History of Templary, I am very happy to greet so many of my Fraters assembled here and I extend to each one of you a hearty and cordial welcome into this Christian circle with its rich traditions and with its ample opportunities for service.

We are also honored and deeply grateful for the privilege of extending Knightly Greetings to our distinguished visitors from Jurisdictions outside of Massachusetts and Rhode Island with whom we have enjoyed such friendly relations. Their presence is not only an inspiration, but it is evidence of their interest and devotion to Knight Templary.

May we be mindful of the Divine Presence with us at this Conclave and ask guidance that we may conduct our affairs in an harmonious and Knightly manner.

As my year as Grand Commander is drawing to a close, it is with a feeling of profound sincerity that I render to you a full and a true accounting of the work that has been accomplished during my year of service. It is my sincere hope that I have done something, if only in an humble way, to add to the glorious pages in the records of our Grand Commandery and that our right endeavors will continue to prosper through all the years to come, and that the understanding and applying of the Christian precepts of our Order may give to all our Sir Knights a deeper sense of fellowship and a keener appreciation of the moral beauty of the teachings of Christian Knighthood.

The responsibility placed upon me a year ago to govern the affairs of this Grand Commandery was accepted with a heart of gratitude and an humble spirit and this Templar honor will indeed be a precious and a cherished memory which leads me to truly understand the significance of Tennyson's words:

> "I would that some tongue could utter
> The thoughts that arise in me."

As I review the work of the past year and recall the happy associations with the Sir Knights which it has been my privilege to have had, I cannot but more deeply realize how fine, how

ineffably rich and beautiful is the faith and vision Knight Templary gives to those who gather at its Altar, and that the ultimate object and aim of Sir Knighthood is to build the Temple of Character in men, that we may be better fitted to serve our fellowmen and to follow the teachings of the Cross.

NECROLOGY

The grim Reaper has entered our ranks during the past year and two of our beloved Past Grand Commanders have entered the Asylum above—Right Eminent Sir Winthrop Messenger who was Grand Commander in the year 1900. Although I was not very well acquainted with Right Eminent Sir Messenger I do know that he was held in high esteem by those who were privileged to have known him.

Right Eminent Sir Henry C. Dexter—Grand Commander in 1921 who rightly earned the sincere love and affection which has been accorded him as a man and as a Knight Templar. We deeply miss the visible presence of these two Past Grand Commanders at our Conclave today.

There is one other—a very dear friend of mine—and a very dear friend of this Grand Commandery whose passing I cannot refrain from mentioning at this time—Eminent Sir George W. Sitgreaves of Pennsylvania whose tragic and untimely death occurred while he was serving the Grand Commandery of his own State. He was with us a year ago and needless to say how keenly we feel his loss, but his memory will long be cherished for he has left an enviable record of good deeds in all his walks of life. These Sir Knights and many others are missed today in our Grand Commandery. I must not, however, trespass further upon the time of the committee on necrology and will ask our Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Gibbs, to read their report: See page 57.

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Upon assuming the office of Grand Commander on October 31, 1934, it was my purpose to modify the present Inspection System which I believed was very much needed in order to awaken sympathy in our cause and which I felt would be to the benefit of our individual Sir Knights and the consequent upbuilding of our Commanderies, socially and numerically.

I had given this subject the closest study; conferred with many of our active Sir Knights, with the result that I divided our Jurisdiction into eighteen districts and appointed nine additional Division Commanders each residing near the center of the Commanderies under their charge, enabling them to visit

frequently and eliminating the necessity of traveling long distances as heretofore under the system of nine Divisions.

Another consideration was that many of our constituent Commanderies had ,never received representation in Grand Commandery and by this arrangement I was able to pay homage where I believed homage was long overdue.

The third consideration was, that in view of the fact that there was little or no Work in many of our Commanderies, and as the interest was at a low ebb, I deemed it unwise to lay all effort on rehearsing the Order of the Temple preparatory to one big night in the year, namely, the "Inspection Night," to the overshadowing of the importance of all other stated Conclaves, hence, by Official Order it was left optional with the Commanders to exemplify either of the three Orders on the evening of the Division Commander's Inspection, or if there was no bonifide Candidate, the evening could be devoted to social interests, and I am satisfied that no advantage was taken by the Commanders and Officers in not keeping the Ritualistic Work up to our usual high standard.

The fourth consideration was to eliminate the former marking system thus doing away with unhealthy and useless competition and to substitute "Excellent, Very Good, Good and Fair" in place of ten-minus, nine-plus, nine-minus, etc., etc., in reporting on the condition of the Work. Ours is not a military organization, it is a fraternal organization. We are dealing with men—not soldiers.

The fifth consideration was not to distinguish between the Sir Knights in uniform and those not in uniform on the Inspection Nights, but to have a full count of all members present, thus encouraging as large an attendance as was practical.

While on the surface these changes appeared to be a radical departure from long usage, I recognized that changed conditions demanded changed methods, and I am happy to say that from unbiased observation much has been gained and nothing material has been lost.

The reports of the Division Commanders show conclusively that Good Work has been accomplished and I personally think a much better feeling exists among the Sir Knights and Officers of the constituent Commanderies this year because of these modifications. According to the reports of the Division Commanders there were present at Inspections:

Members, 4,698; Visitors, 466; Suite, 858—Total, 6,146.

I believe the noticeable falling off in attendance on these nights was due largely to the fact that few Commanderies made any special effort to "get out the count" as they knew it would not affect any mark the Commandery would receive this year for general efficiency and Ritualistic Work.

I also believe we may attribute the decrease in the attendance

to the fact that the trying times we are now passing through, with its financial effect upon the well being and material fortunes of our members, has caused them to neglect certain of their obligations to the Commanderies and therefore to forego some of its more serious functions of ritualistic and tactical work.

In view of these facts, however, I do feel that the marked increase in the attendance at our regular Conclaves of the constituent Commanderies at the distinctly social activities throughout the Jurisdiction more than offset the lack of attendance on Inspection and on Visitation Nights.

Each Commander was instructed to see to it that the Ritualistic Work in his Commandery was kept up to the highest standards and presented in the same impressive manner which has always been maintained in our Grand Jurisdiction. Reports indicate that this has been accomplished, and I believe it has been well worthwhile as it has afforded more time and attention for social work which has been of fraternal and material benefit to our Sir Knights.

VISITATIONS BY INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR'S DEPARTMENT

All 53 Commanderies have been visited by Eminent Sir Hervey Mason, our Inspector Instructor and his Assistants as to Tactics and Ritualistic Work and their reports show that the Commanderies are still carrying on with a very high standard and rendering their work in an impressive manner.

There has been reported present at these Conclaves 2,680 members, 229 visitors and 406 on the suite. Total, 3,315.

It was, however, my intention to have these Inspections of Ritualistic and Tactical Work made at unannounced meetings and confidential reports made to me relative to the exemplifications, but this was not carried out. I still feel that these Inspections should be made in this way.

I furthermore think that the small number present on the evening of these visitations was not entirely due to lack of interest, but to the fact that there were no candidates (only 92 in the whole jurisdiction) and I feel that the Sir Knights do not care to attend Conclaves to witness their Officers exemplify work on a Sir Knight who has already received his Degrees.

The Inspector Instructor reports to me that the marking is as follows:—Excellent 8, Very Good 20, Good 21, Fair 2. This I believe to be a very remarkable showing.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

There has been in each district Exemplifications of the Order of The Temple, Red Cross and Malta which have been valuable

in developing more interest in the full form rendition of the Order of Red Cross and Malta with their more dramatic possibilities.

The attendance at these Exemplifications, however, has been very disappointing and I believe our method of exemplifications should be changed and arranged somewhat similar to those of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—not to be held on a Saturday afternoon and Evening, which we need for relaxation, but on an evening during the week. I believe that instead of the work being exemplified by a selected group of Officers from any one Commandery, all Officers in the district should be prepared to be called upon to participate in the work at any point during the exemplification. We learn by personal participation and with courteous correction by expert instruction more readily than we can by silent observation. In other words, by experience rather than by example.

I do, however, wish to thank the Commanders and Officers of the Commanderies who gave their attention and time to assist in the important work of the various exemplifications during my year which were held in Boston, Providence, Worcester, Salem, and Springfield.

SOCIAL EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Realizing that more attention to the fraternal and social side of the "forgotten Sir Knight" in every Commandery was necessary, I decided that something more should be done along the lines of social activity and that we should do our utmost to stop the loss and the drain upon our membership and that some way must be devised to hold what members we now have in our Commanderies and also to see if we could not gain candidates for our Order. I realized too, that no candidate was likely to apply for membership in an inactive organization and I therefore appointed Eminent Sir William A. Mann as Chairman of the Social Extension Department with a Planning Board of seven interested and progressive Sir Knights and with eighteen assistant social representatives. This work was carried out in a very satisfactory and efficient manner.

A carefully devised program of social activities was arranged which included several timely, important and constructive projects, all of which has resulted in much favorable publicity for Templary throughout the Jurisdiction.

A list of suggested social events, namely, Educational, Civic, Sacred, Patriotic, Veteran Member Nights, District Nights, Ladies' Nights, Masonic Nights, and other special features were submitted by the Social Representatives at meetings of the Council Officers in each district for their consideration and adoption in their Commandery if they so desired.

The Social Representatives have cooperated with Commanderies in every possible way to further the success of these local events and the results have been very gratifying.

The Chairman of the Social Extension Department has reported to me that during the year there has been a total of 19,602 present at the regular Conclaves and 21,175 at the social events. I consider this a very remarkable showing.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR DINNERS

A series of four monthly Dinners were arranged by the Chairman of the Social Representatives and our Grand Recorder, Eminent Sir Martin J. Pleschinger. These dinners were held at the Hotel Touraine in Boston and were intended to appeal particularly to the business and professional men of our Order who have not regularly attended our meetings.

These dinners were very well attended and were addressed by prominent fraters and their inspirational messages were greatly appreciated.

We are especially indebted to Rev. Daniel L. Marsh, D.D., L.L.D., President of Boston University; M.∴W.∴Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; Ill.∴Melvin M. Johnson, M.P., S.G.C., Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction; Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, D.D., L.L.D., President of Brown University, Providence, R. I., and Sir Knight Leverett Saltonstall, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, who gave of their services freely on these delightful occasions.

PRESIDING COUNCIL CLUBS

The forming of two new Presiding Council Clubs—one in Western Massachusetts and the other in Providence, joining with the Boston Club organized four years ago, completes coverage of the whole jurisdiction for the continued forum and fraternal benefits to the presiding Council Officers of all constituent Commanderies. These Clubs are the result of the vision, initiative and organizing ability of our Social Director, Em. Sir William A. Mann, who, in recognition of his services, has been elected Honorary President of each of these three Clubs so that he may direct their continuing to function for the benefit of their ever changing membership and in support of Grand Commandery. Several well attended meetings have been held in each section and I feel sure that much good has been and can be accomplished by these Clubs.

Purpose of the Presiding Council Clubs

The purpose of the Presiding Council Clubs which have been formed within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of

Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is as follows:—

To foster fraternal relations and to widen acquaintance among the active working Officers of the constituent Commanderies.

To exchange ideas, and discuss matters of mutual interest to the subordinate Commanderies.

To offer Grand Officers the opportunity to address the Council Officers collectively and informally upon any subject of interest to them or to the whole jurisdiction.

To receive information and instruction that will insure more intelligent opinion and facilitate any desired action—that the Council Officers of these Clubs may support and cooperate more effectively with our Grand Commander and with the Grand Officers.

By-Laws of the Presiding Council Clubs

Membership is automatic upon election to office of Capt.-Gen. and membership ceases at expiration of term of office as Commander.

Past Commanders and other Officers may attend meetings but have no vote.

There are No Dues—and no entertainment is provided at meetings.

Semi-annual meetings shall be held during the spring and fall, at the discretion of the Club Officers who shall be elected annually.

Only Club Members may vote. A majority of the Commanderies represented at any club meeting shall constitute a quorum.

The Officers shall consist of at least two and an executive committee of at least three, representing at least five different Commanderies, and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in Spring.

Semi-annual or special meetings may be called at any time or place at the discretion of the Club Officers.

Expenses of the secretary, and of each meeting, shall be apportioned among those attending each meeting.

In order to insure continuance of the Presiding Council Clubs, the officers elected should be of varying Commandery rank.

Prior to the fall meeting of the Clubs the Secretary shall notify each newly elected Capt.-Gen. of his automatic membership in the Presiding Council Club.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted at any meeting of the Club (of which written notice has been given) by a majority vote of the Commanderies represented at such meeting.

PRESIDING COUNCIL CLUBS

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT (10)

St. Johns, No. 1.
Calvary, No. 13.
Thomas Smith Webb, No. 51.
Washington, No. 4.
Narragansett, No. 27.
Bristol, No. 29.
Woonsocket, No. 24.
Holy Sepulchre, No. 8.
Sutton, No. 16.
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (9)

Springfield, No. 6.
Connecticut Valley, No. 23.
Athol, No. 37.
Orange, No. 45.
Berkshire, No. 22.
Northampton, No. 30.
St. Paul, No. 40.
Ivanhoe, No. 46.
St. Andrew, No. 49.

BOSTON DISTRICT (34)

Boston, No. 2.
Newburyport, No. 3.
Worcester, No. 5.
DeMolay, No. 7.
Pilgrim, No. 9.
Palestine, No. 10.
Milford, No. 11.
St. Bernard, No. 12.
Haverhill, No. 14.
Old Colony, No. 15.
Bethany, No. 17.
Winslow Lewis, No. 18.
Jerusalem, No. 19.
Hugh de Payens, No. 20.
St. Omer, No. 21.
Joseph Warren, No. 26.
William Parkman, No. 28.
South Shore, No. 31.
Trinity, No. 32.
Natick, No. 33.
Couer de Lion, No. 34.
Gethsemane, No. 35.
Olivet, No. 36.
Bay State, No. 38.
Cyprus, No. 39.
Beauseant, No. 41.
Cambridge, No. 42.
Bethlehem, No. 43.
St. George, No. 44.
Quincy, No. 47.
Temple, No. 48.
Reading, No. 50.
Sir Galahad, No. 52.
Winthrop, No. 53.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

One of the most important and perhaps the most constructive undertakings performed during the year was the "Every Member Canvass" which was a self-analysis and inventory of our Entire Membership.

A canvass was made of every Sir Knight in forty-one Commanderies by personal call or by committee to carry the Commander's personal message of Good Will and Interest in his membership, and to secure information that would enable him to better know and serve his membership.

The results all over the Jurisdiction were very gratifying, not only to the Officers and committees making the Canvass, but to the Sir Knights themselves who showed their appreciation of these efforts by renewed interest and by their attendance; by withdrawals of requests for demits, and by their many helpful suggestions to Council Officers in the conduct of Commandery administration.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

After a year of unusual and constructive Social Projects with consequent promotional and favorable publicity, this concerted drive for candidates was a timely movement of vital necessity.

The parade at Providence and analysis of the Every Member Canvass earlier in the year amply demonstrated that we must secure Candidates and younger men into Templary to offset the serious losses of the past few years. Therefore, a carefully devised campaign for candidates was initiated on September 1, 1935. A beautiful engraved invitation form was adopted on which the name of the individual selected to be thus honored could be engrossed and the invitation signed by the Commander.

The Plan included detailed suggestions to Officers and Committees for personal contact work, and the success of the campaign and the benefits to each and every Commandery will be in direct proportion to the amount of personal effort given to it.

The invitation forms carry the Seal of The Grand Commandery in gilt and on the inside page some historical information pertaining to Knights Templars. These invitation forms are now available at the office of the Grand Recorder at the cost of 20 cents each.

This campaign is a call for active service for every Officer and Sir Knight for the maintenance and upbuilding of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

PATRIOTIC DAY AT CONCORD, MASS.

The Social Extension Department informs me that the moving pictures taken of the Knight Templar Parade at Concord, Mass., have been shown nineteen times at different functions of the Commanderies. These films, in duplicate, are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery where they will be kept for the use and enlightenment of future generations of our membership.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

I am very happy to report that 274 Thomas Smith Webb medals have been presented to Sir Knights who have been a Knight Templar for forty years or over. This, I feel is indeed worthwhile for it shows that we have not forgotten the Templars in whose footsteps we are following and it is also a tribute of honor to the Eminent Sir Knight who was the founder of Knight Templarism in this country.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

Realizing it might be helpful to each of us to know one another better as men and as Knights Templars I suggested that a Roster be made of all Grand Officers, Eminent Commanders and their Councils, showing their photograph, business engaged in, and their addresses. I felt by having a loose-leaf catalogue this could be made perpetual by adding each year the names of the new members. I regret, however, to report that only about half of the Officers have sent their photographs and the necessary information and therefore the arranging of such a roster had to be abandoned.

I sincerely hope that the incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander will finish this important work.

130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

One of the outstanding features of the year was the celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the founding of our Grand Commandery which was held in Providence, Rhode Island, on Sunday, May 12, 1935.

There was an outpouring of Sir Knights from all the Commanderies composing one of the largest and most colorful parades ever held by the Knights Templars. It was a most wonderful day and the streets were lined with citizens. This demonstration should do much for the upbuilding of our glorious Order through increased interest on the part of our fraters, and the creation of an incentive on the part of eligible young Masons who witnessed the demonstration to join the ranks of Christian Knighthood.

At ten o'clock on Sunday morning Eminent Sir Herbert A. Crowell, with the Sir Knights of Saint Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence, accompanied by the Grand Commandery Officers marched to the Chamber of Commerce Building where Eminent Sir Crowell placed a wreath on the tablet which states that the formation of the Grand Commandery took place in that building in the year 1805. Taps were sounded by Sir Knight Intlehouse—the lines were then formed and we proceeded to the Mathewson Street Methodist Episcopal Church where a most impressive Knight Templar sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. Earl Ledden, D.D.—his subject being the predominance of the Cross and likened it to the "plus sign" of life. The church was filled to its capacity and all those who attended were most deeply inspired by the wonderful service. After the benediction the Sir Knights marched to the Narragansett Hotel where luncheon was served prior to the parade.

We were honored at luncheon with the presence of the Governor of the State, Theodore Francis Green, the Mayor of Providence, James E. Dunne, Bishop James DeWolf Perry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, Rev. W. Earl Ledden, D.D., of the Mathewson Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, M∴W∴Claude L. Allen and M∴W∴Charles W. Littlefield and many other dignitaries. We then proceeded in automobiles to the Dexter Training Ground where the Sir Knights mobilized for the formation of the parade.

At 1.55 P.M. orders were given for all Sir Knights to kneel while our Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Francis W. Gibbs, offered prayer. This was a most inspiring moment—after which the parade started one of the most impressive of sights and was viewed by throngs estimated as high as 200,000 people.

At the monument of Thomas A. Doyle, who was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, F.&A.M., and a former Mayor of Providence for eighteen years, the Grand Commander placed a wreath and then marched to Exchange Place where a Reviewing Stand had been erected, and bleachers also, and reviewed the most inspiring parade of Knight Templary that had ever been seen for years. The Grand Marshal reported to me that the total in line including bands was 6,021.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights who participated in this grand event making it such a marked success and I feel sure that it has done a great deal in informing the people of New England that Knight Templary is going forward and will be in existence until time shall be no more.

I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Eminent Sir James A. Rogers, Chairman, and his Committee, who worked so untiringly to make this the outstanding event that it was.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Having served so many years on the Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation, I fully realize and understand the value of the assistance rendered the young men and young women in this Jurisdiction. I cannot emphasize too strongly my admiration for this enterprise as one great good our Grand Commandery is accomplishing.

To place our trust and confidence in those who by their own efforts are seeking a broader education, is to give encouragement of a nature different than sympathy or advice. In our jurisdiction we have aided nearly 1,000 young people of whom only 1.4% have disappointed us. This is a remarkable showing and speaks well for the honesty of our young people.

It is a matter of regret that conditions have made it necessary for the Sir Knights to cease contributing to this enterprise

and I express the hope that in the not far future subscriptions will again be made.

I want to express my confidence in and gratitude for the earnest and sympathetic service of the Trustees of the Foundation. Their untiring work and careful judgment of each and every application made has proved particularly beneficial for the success of the service rendered.

Upon my election to the office of Grand Commander I considered it desirable that I resign from the Board of Trustees and I appointed Eminent Sir Henry S. See, a Past Commander of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, to succeed me as a member of the Board.

I sincerely hope that the report of the Trustees of the Educational Foundation will be read and studied very carefully by the members of this Grand Body.

GRAND COMMANDERY MAGAZINE

Another suggestion which I thought would be helpful to the Sir Knights in keeping in touch with the Grand Commandery and the various constituent Commanderies was the publication of a Grand Commandery magazine similar to Aleppo Temple News. I therefore instructed Eminent Sir Clarence C. Watters, Commander of Springfield Commandery, No. 6, of Springfield, Mass., to make a careful study of this matter and report to me—such a magazine to be wholly under the control of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and to be at no expense whatever to this Grand Commandery.

After extended consideration of the matter, I recommend that the incoming Grand Commander be authorized, if he in his discretion thinks best to submit to Eminent Sir Clarence C. Watters the following proposition and to engage in the enterprise therein stipulated and described and on the terms and conditions therein stated:

1. The publication of a magazine similar in size and quality of paper to the Aleppo Monthly News. This to be a 32-page publication. One-half of this magazine to be devoted to Knight Templar news—the first two pages being allotted to the Grand Commander for messages to the Sir Knights—all other pages to be for advertising.
2. The cover of the magazine to be a two color cut of a design approved by the Grand Commander.
3. The magazine to be named "The Templar."
4. All news and editorials to be censored by the Grand Commander and his Council before publication.
5. All advertising to be left entirely in the hands of Clarence C. Watters and the Grand Commander. No liquor or gambling advertisements to be inserted.

6. The magazine to be sent to the Sir Knights between the first and the fifth of each month.
7. The editorial page each month must contain a statement to the effect that the publication is neither owned nor sponsored financially or otherwise by the Grand Commandery, but that the Grand Commandery is merely given the privilege of sending messages to its Sir Knights through the pages of its publication. The publication to be definitely a private enterprise by Clarence C. Watters.
8. Clarence C. Watters to assume all financial responsibility of the magazine. Neither Grand Commandery nor any constituent Commandery to be under any obligation nor to assume any financial responsibility whatever.
9. No Commandery shall be under any obligation to submit its membership list to Clarence C. Watters. Every list submitted to him shall remain the property of the Commandery submitting it and shall be in the personal control of Clarence C. Watters; and he in no case shall use it or permit it to be used for any purpose other than to send out copies of the magazine.
10. The relations between the Grand Commandery and Clarence C. Watters as to the publication enterprise shall be personal only. Neither the Grand Commandery nor Clarence C. Watters shall have any right to assign any right respecting it to any person whatever, nor to substitute anyone to act in its or his place. The right to act under the arrangement above outlined shall be terminated at any time at the will of the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander; in which case all membership lists shall at once be returned to the constituent Commanderies and no copies made or kept.

VISITATIONS

It has been my privilege to attend the following functions of Grand Commandery during my term of office:—

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Nov. 5.—Attended the Stated Conclave of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I.

Nov. 9.—Attended Inspection of Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24, Woonsocket, R. I.

Nov. 11.—Attended Divine Service at All Saints Memorial Church, Providence, R. I., with Overseas Lodge, No. 40.

Nov. 12. — Attended the Annual Communication of Overseas Lodge, No. 40, Providence, R. I.

Nov. 14.—Attended Conference with Grand Recorder, Grand Recorder's Office, Boston, Mass., Attended Exemplification of Red Cross Degree by Coeur de Lion Commandery, No. 34, in the Asylum of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, at Melrose, Mass.

Nov. 15.—Attended Educational Foundation Committee Meeting of Grand Commandery in Boston, Mass. Attended Exemplification of Temple Degree by DeMolay Commandery, No. 7, in Winslow Lewis Commandery Asylum at Salem, Mass.

Nov. 18.—Attended Divine Service at First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., with Calvary Commandery, No. 13, in celebration of their seventy-fifth anniversary.

Nov. 19.—Attended the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, F. & A. M.

Nov. 20.—Attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Banquet of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, at Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Nov. 26.—Attended Exemplification of The Order of The Temple by Haverhill Commandery, No. 14, in Bethany Commandery Asylum, Lawrence, Mass.

Dec. 1.—Attended Shrine Temple of Connecticut Ceremonial at Manchester, Conn.

Dec. 3.—Attended Exemplification at Springfield.

Dec. 7.—Attended Reception to the Grand Commander of New Hampshire by his Commandery at Keene, N. H.

Dec. 10.—Attended Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts at Boston.

Dec. 11.—Attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts at Boston.

Dec. 12.—Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at Boston. Attended Exemplification of the Order of The Temple by Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Worcester, Mass.

Dec. 16.—Attended Officers Council Meeting at my home. V.∴E.∴Sir Harold W. Sprague, E.∴Sir Charles T. Converse and E.∴Sir George T. Everett attending.

Dec. 17.—Attended Bay State Commandery, No. 38, Social Event at Brockton, Mass.

Dec. 18.—Attended Exemplification of the Red Cross Degree by Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Providence, R. I.

Dec. 20.—Attended a Conference with the Past Grand Commanders at Boston, Mass. Attended the Presiding Council Meeting of Districts 1, 4, 13 at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Dec. 21.—Attended the Presiding Council Meeting for Districts 2–3–5–7–8–9–11–12–10–13–14–15–16 at Boston, Mass.

Dec. 25.—Attended Christmas Observance Services at Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I., with St. Johns, Calvary, and Thomas Smith Webb Commanderies.

Dec. 27.—Attended the Annual Communication of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, R. I.

Dec. 29.—Attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of St. Bernard's Commandery, No. 12, at the Harvard Club, Boston, Mass.

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Jan. 7.—Attended a Reception to the Right Eminent Grand Commander by St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence. I was presented with a new Chapeau by Eminent Sir Herbert A. Crowell.

Jan. 10.—Presided at Knight Templar Dinner, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass.

Jan. 11.—Attended Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Rhode Island Banquet at Narragansett Hotel, Providence.

Jan. 15.—Attended Inspection of Calvary Commandery, No. 13. Attended Minstrel Show of Calvary Commandery, Infantry Hall, Providence, R. I.

Jan. 17.—Attended Inspection of Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, Newburyport, Mass.

Jan. 18.—Attended and presided at the Past Commanders' Association, Parker House, Boston, Mass.

Jan. 23.—Started for Pilgrim Commandery Inspection at Lowell, Mass., but due to the severe snow storm we only reached Waltham. This I very much regretted.

Jan. 25.—Attended Inspection of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, Pawtucket, R. I.

Feb. 13.—Attended St. Bernard Commandery Inspection, Boston, Mass.

Feb. 14.—Attended and presided at Knight Templar Dinner, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass.

Feb. 21.—Attended Inspection of Jerusalem Commandery, No. 19, Fitchburg, Mass.

Feb. 24.—Attended meeting of the 130th Anniversary of the Grand Commandery Committee at the Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

Feb. 25.—Attended Bay State Commandery joint Visitation with Quincy Commandery at Quincy, Mass.

Feb. 27.—Attended Inspection of Narragansett Commandery, No. 27, Westerly, R. I.

Mar. 3.—Attended 130th Anniversary Committee Meeting, Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

Mar. 4.—Attended Inspection of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I.

Mar. 8.—Attended the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Mar. 9.—Attended Ladies' Night of DeMolay Commandery, No. 7, Continental Hotel, Boston, Mass.

Mar. 11.—Attended Grand R. A. Chapter of Rhode Island Banquet at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Mar. 12.—Attended Annual Convocation of Grand R. A. Chapter of Rhode Island.

Mar. 14.—Attended and presided at Knight Templar Dinner, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass.

Mar. 15.—Attended Inspection of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery, No. 51, Providence, R. I.

Mar. 20.—Attended Inspection of Washington Commandery, No. 4, Newport, R. I.
Attended Ladies' Night of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, No. 25, Fall River, Mass. Also Inspection and Review.

Mar. 21.—Attended 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee Meeting at Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

Mar. 29.—Attended Grand Visitation of E.∴Sir Harry G. Pollard of Portland Commandery of Portland, Maine.

Mar. 30.—Attended Ladies' Night of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, Newtonville, Mass.

Apr. 6.—Attended meeting of Shrine Officers at the Anawan Club, Rehoboth, Mass., and was presented, as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, with a beautiful traveling case.

Apr. 7.—Attended the 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee at the Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

Apr. 9.—Attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Rhode Island at the Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I.

Apr. 11.—Attended and presided at the Knight Templar Dinner, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass. Attended the Educational Foundation Committee Meeting, Boston, Mass.

Apr. 14.—Attended the 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee Meeting, Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

Apr. 16.—Attended, and was honorary bearer at the funeral of Henry C. Dexter, P.G.C. Attended meeting with Past Potentates of Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.

Apr. 17.—Attended Inspection of Trinity Commandery, No. 32, Hudson, Mass. At this meeting I was made an Honorary Member of Trinity Commandery.

Apr. 18.—Attended a Visitation of Grand Officers at Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, Newburyport, Mass. At this meeting I was made an Honorary Member of Newburyport Commandery.

Apr. 19.—Attended meeting of DeMolay Commandery, No. 7 with Thomas Smith Webb Commandery, No. 51, Providence, where I witnessed the DeMolay boys work their degree.

Apr. 25.—Attended Social Event of Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, Worcester, Mass.

Apr. 26.—Attended Overseas Lodge Ladies' Night, Providence, R. I.

Apr. 28.—Attended 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee Meeting, Shrine Club, Providence, R. I. Attended Divine Service with DeMolay Commandery, No. 7, All Saints Church, Belmont, Mass.

May 1.—Attended 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee Meeting held at Boston, Mass.

May 5.—Attended 130th Anniversary of Grand Commandery Committee Meeting, Shrine Club, Providence, R. I.

May 6 and 7.—Attended Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

May 10.—Attended a meeting of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Providence, R. I.

May 11.—Attended the Semi-Annual Meeting of Grand Commandery, Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I. Attending Banquet in the evening at Narragansett Hotel.

May 12.—Knight Templar Parade, Providence, R. I. Over 6,000 Sir Knights in line, etc.

May 15.—Made a Visitation to St. George Commandery, No. 44, Beverly, Mass.

May 17.—Attended Ladies' Night of Boston Commandery, No. 2, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

May 18.—Attended meeting of Past Grand Masters of Rhode Island at Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I.

May 20.—Attended Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, F. and A. M., Providence, R. I.

May 26 to 28.—Attended the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 7 and 8.—Attended the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave of New York, at Yonkers, N. Y.

June 10 to 15.—Left Yonkers for Washington, D.C., to attend the Imperial Council Meeting.

June 27.—Attended the Presiding Council Meeting at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

July 20.—Attended Commanderies Outing (St. Paul's Commandery, Earl Getman, Commander) at the summer home of E.·.Sir Getman, Heath, Mass.

July 25.—Visited Boston to confer with the Grand Recorder.

Aug. 3.—Attended Outing of Past Commanders' Association, Anawam Club, Rehoboth ,Mass.

Aug. 16.—Attended conference in Boston with Grand Recorder. Pictures were shown of the Knight Templar Parade.

Sept. 4.—Attended Conference with the Grand Council Officers, Boston, Mass.

Sept. 7.—Attended Connecticut Commanderies Outing, Storrs, Conn., eight Commanderies participating.

Sept. 17.—Attended the Annual Conclave of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, Providence, R. I.

Sept. 18.—Attended a Visitation with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Rhode Island, James H. Tillinghast, at St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, Providence, R. I.

Sept. 19.—Attended a meeting of the Presiding Council Clubs of Western Massachusetts at Barre, Mass.

Sept. 20.—Attended an Outing of the Officers of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, at Rehoboth, Mass. Attended the Annual Conclave of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, Pawtucket, R. I.

Sept. 22.—Attended the Conclave of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, at Quincy, Mass., where I was made an Honorary Member.

Oct. 1.—Attended the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, Keene, N. H.

Oct. 3.—Attended a meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, addressing this meeting pertaining to our Educational Foundation.

Oct. 4.—Attended a meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee in the office of the Grand Recorder, Boston, Mass. Attended a meeting of the Presiding Council Clubs of Eastern Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.

Oct. 7.—Attended the Annual Conclave of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I.

Oct. 10.—Attended the meeting of the Presiding Council Clubs of Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Oct. 11.—Attended a Conclave of St. Pauls Commandery, No. 40, North Adams, Mass.

Oct. 13.—Assisted in laying the corner-stone of the Park Place Congregational Church, Pawtucket, R. I.

Oct. 16.—Attended Sojourners Meeting at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I.

Oct. 18.—Attended a meeting at Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I., where the pictures of the Providence parade were shown.

Oct. 27.—Attended Divine Service at First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., with the Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DUES

From the reports I have received from the Division Commanders I find that the total of outstanding dues in our 53 Commanderies, according to their last annual reports, is $113,531.68, and realizing that quite a portion of this tremendous amount could be collected, I sent out Official Circular No. 3, on December 17, 1934.

Just what the results of this letter have been, I do not know, but I am sure that the incoming Grand Commander will follow up this most important work during his term of office.

I also communicated with our Grand Recorder, who is also the Recorder of Palestine Commandery, regarding the collection of dues in his Commandery and he informed me that he had mailed to all their members a circular which reads as follows:

PALESTINE COMMANDERY NO. 10
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
CHELSEA, MASS.

On the Matter of Dues

My long years of service as Recorder of Palestine Commandery has brought rich experience through my contacts with its members and has forced upon me a study, the conclusion of which is intensely interesting and valuable and so I pass it along for what it may be worth.

In the first place I believe that all of our members are fundamentally honest and are justifiably proud of their membership as Templars, but unfortunately in some cases there comes a time when their annual dues get ahead of them and then it is difficult to catch up. They then seldom attend the Conclaves, pride keeps them away and finally they are confronted with the requirements of the By-Laws on the matter of suspension. This hurts—both the member and the officers. My observation is this:—Members do not make provision in advance to meet their dues, but take the chance that when the bill is presented they will have the money to pay. Then comes disappointment.

How easy it would be to obviate this if one would realize that dues of $10.00 a year mean less than 3 cents a day and that by dropping 5 cents each day into some receptacle for a year for dues purposes, one would have $18.25 to meet a $10.00 obligation and the pretty part of this is they would never miss it.

I verily believe humiliation in many cases would be prevented, membership would be preserved and the dues problem would be solved, if this practice were followed.

Courteously,
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Recorder.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

I am very happy to report that 35 Commanderies of our Jurisdiction met on Christmas Day to pay homage to our Heavenly Father. On Christmas Morning I sent the following telegram to all these Commanderies participating in Christmas Services:

To The Eminent Commander and Sir Knights:

"May Joy and Gladness be yours today, and as Knights Templars may the true Christmas Spirit and our noble ideals inspire us to go forward as Christian Knights ever endeavoring to bring Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Courteously yours,
ARTHUR S. VAUGHN, *Grand Commander.*

It was my privilege to attend my own Commandery, St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, Providence, who joined with Calvary Commandery, No. 13, and Thomas Smith Webb Commandery, No. 51, where a most impressive Christmas Service was held. The usual toasts were given including one to our Most Eminent Grand Master, Andrew D. Agnew. The toast given to your Grand Commander was enjoyed and deeply appreciated.

At five o'clock on Christmas Afternoon I broadcast the following Christmas Message over Station WHDH.

A message from Right Eminent Sir Arthur S. Vaughn, Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

"The souls of men have been sorely tried during the past few years, as they have been periodically since time began; as in the past, these transitory tribulations will soon have passed away and become but fading memories. The sun of prosperity and happiness will before long be again shining at meridian height, and this old world of ours will have resumed its march of progress onward and upward. So let us on this joyous Christmas Day with cheerful, buoyant hearts rededicate ourselves to the service of Him whose birth we celebrate, resolved to carry His banner to still greater heights. Ours is a glorious heritage. May we show ourselves worthy of it by our deeds for the uplift and betterment of mankind—that is our work—that is our mission."

"I wish you all a Merry Christmas."

I also wish to acknowledge at this time my sincere thanks and appreciation of the many beautiful Christmas Greeting Cards I received from the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

CHRISTMAS GOOD-WILL

See Official Order No. 1 Page 64.

Total Collection 1934	$4,946.82
Total Collection for Five Years	23,834.49
Average yearly collection	4,756.26

SPECIAL MEETING of the NEW ENGLAND GRAND COMMANDERS and their Councils

Realizing that New England was the birthplace of Templarism in the United States, I believed that a tremendous amount of good might be accomplished by having all the Grand Commanders of the New England States, and their Councils, meet in Boston during the winter for the purpose of organizing a New England Presiding Council Club where we could talk over our various problems and become better acquainted. On November 10, 1934, I therefore sent to the Right Eminent Grand Commanders of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut the following letter:—

"To the R∴E∴Grand Commander and the Council Officers of the Grand Commanderies of Knights Templars and The Appendant Orders of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut:

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island suggest that a Presiding Council Club be formed of the Presiding Commander and Council Officers of all New England Grand Commanderies, on a permanent basis assuring continuance of such a Club for the following purposes:—

To foster increased fraternal relations within and between these Grand Jurisdictions.

To hold semi-annual meetings to informally discuss matters of mutual interest to these Grand Bodies; to exchange ideas and suggestions of policy, or operation of departments; to discuss matters of National import which may arise, in order to have fullest information that more intelligent opinion may be formed on such matters; to secure unity of action of New England delegates at Triennial or Special Conclaves of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

To develop exchange visitations between Grand Commanderies of these States, or subordinate Commanderies thereof; to discuss advisability of exchanging data that will aid in standardization or uniformity of the work of officers or Degrees, either by Exemplification, Inspection System, Social Activities or otherwise.

To adopt a Christian-Americanization-Patriotic Program of activities within our Great Order, with the resultant publicity that will uphold and maintain these principles of Templarism before all Masons and the people of New England with benefit to Masonry and to ourselves.

To consider desirability of three days Conferences or Convention of all officers and members of all New England Grand Commanderies and ladies at any convenient time and place, or as may be decided annually. Such places as New Ocean House at Swampscott, Mass., Poland Springs, Maine, Winnepesaukee, N. H., or Newport, R. I.

Membership in the Club to be limited to the active council officers, automatic upon their election to any office in the council of their respective Grand Commanderies, and continuing only during their term of service in the council. Past Grand Commanders or other officers to be welcomed at meetings but to have no vote.

No dues—except as sufficient to cover Secretary's expenses or the expense of Club meetings—to be divided equitably among the Grand Commanderies or among those attending each meeting.

As the purposes of the Club are purely for Masonic Conferences, no entertainment should detract or add to the expense of these meetings.

The above suggestion of a Presiding Council Club is in order that we may widen our acquaintance and stimulate fraternal associations with our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions in New England, and we would appreciate carrying same home with you for consideration of your respective Councils and Grand Bodies for their approval or rejection.

If approved, will you so indicate and inform the R∴E∴Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island of the willingness of your council officers to attend a meeting before June 1, 1935, at Providence, to form and organize and elect officers of such a Presiding Council Club of the Grand Commanderies of these New England States."

However, not having received the necessary cooperation to arrange for such a meeting I was obliged to drop the matter. It is my hope that in the near future some such organization might be formed.

BY-LAWS

New By-Laws and amendments to old By-Laws which were forwarded to me have received my attention and are now on file in the office of the Grand Recorder.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations have been issued and proper record is on file in the office of the Grand Recorder.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I have appointed the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives near the Grand Jurisdiction of their respective Grand Jurisdictions and their commissions have been received and acknowledged.

E∴Sir Joseph H. Gilbert of Clarksdale, Mississippi, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

E∴Sir William A. Perry of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, as our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

E∴Sir George F. Westover of Pierre, So. Dakota, near the Grand Commandery of So. Dakota.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

I have been honored this past year by receiving Honorary Membership in three constituent Commanderies.

Newburyport Commandery, No. 3.
Trinity Commandery, No. 32.
Quincy Commandery, No. 47.

I wish at this time to express my deep appreciation of this Knightly courtesy.

DECISIONS

I have not been called upon to make any Decisions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rather than to offer any recommendations of my own as to the future policies of the Grand Commandery, I prefer to leave its destiny in the hands of its Officers and members as I have absolute confidence in the propriety of their decisions and in their personal integrity.

It is with gratitude that I acknowledge the generous and untiring support I have received from my Council during my term as Grand Commander and I wish to take this opportunity to express to them my sincere thanks for their loyalty.

I have attended 107 functions and written 1,865 letters in the interest of this Grand Commandery. I am also pleased to report that our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander has attended 82 functions and the Grand Generalissimo over 50.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, in concluding the term of my office as your Grand Commander I wish to express to you my heartfelt thanks for your confidence and trust, and for the privilege of having served you in this high office. I am deeply indebted to all those who have so loyally worked in the interest of our Grand Commandery and I am also happily mindful of the many courtesies and kindnesses that have been shown me during our journey in Templary this past year.

As your Grand Commander I have regarded the affairs of this Grand Commandery as my first duty and I can assure you that my suggestions and changes have been made with the deepest interest in our Order, and while I realize that many of them have not met with entire approval, I sincerely believe that some such changes were necessary for the development of further interest in Templary. I have tried as well as I could in my humble way to promote constantly a better understanding of the principles of this Grand Order.

You are not sending me away empty handed, or alone, I go laden with happy memories of the good fellowship and the many friendships I have formed.

I would leave with you, Sir Knights, the hope that we may be drawn into closer fellowship with each other and that as loyal Christian Knights we may joyously renew our faith in Christ and in the principles of our Knightly Order, for the exercise of faith becomes knowledge built upon a sure foundation, and because of this faith we shall have hope, which, working together with love, will make Templarism a power for righteousness in this old world of ours.

Courteously submitted,

Grand Commander.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The R∴ E∴ Grand Commander here presented M∴ W∴ Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts who was pleased to bring the greetings of 115,000 Blue Lodge Masons with an expression of joy at the cordial relation which exists between these two bodies. He complimented the Grand Commander on his annual report stating that he had touched upon the essential high spots and that we must continue to stress the importance of the development of the social side of our Order. The inventory of membership was a wonderful thing to do, he said, and that he had watched the progress of him as a "wise and accomplished Free Mason" and in recognition of his worthiness, as a Past Grand Master of Free-masons in Rhode Island and the present Grand Treasurer of that distinguished Grand body, presented him with the highest honor he (the Grand Master) could bestow, a "Henry Price Medal" which our Grand Commander very graciously accepted.

Accompanied by R∴E∴Norris G. Abbott, P. G. C. and Escort the Grand Master retired.

R∴E∴Frank L. Nagle, P.G.C., paid a high compliment to E∴. Sir William A. Mann and asked for a rising vote of thanks for the service he had rendered during the year as Director of the Social Department whereupon the Grand Commander gave him further honor by presenting him with an "Order of Merit" badge. E∴. Sir Mann was noticeably moved by this recognition.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

Itemized report of Grand Treasurer for year ending September 30, 1935 in accordance with vote of Grand Commandery at Semi-Annual Conclave at Providence, R. I., May 12, 1935.

RECEIPTS

From Grand Recorder:		
Per Capita Tax	$8,957.50	
Candidates Fees	485.00	
Dues Cards	346.51	
Proceedings	87.00	
Shoulder Straps	157.80	
Concord Film Charge	258.30	
Concord Film Contributions	12.70	
Dinner Tickets	1,400.00	
Every Member Canvass Cards	58.59	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	238.45	
Telephone	.45	
Refund on Annual Conclave Dinner	10.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	7.30	
Engraved Invitations	6.00	
Providence Parade Contributions	980.75	
Providence Grand Stand Seats	950.90	
Providence Badges	977.70	
Providence Bands	175.00	
Total Receipts from Grand Recorder		$15,109.95

Other Receipts:			
Income from Grand Funds to Oct., 1934			2,844.82
Total Receipts for Year			$17,954.77
Add Cash in Bank Oct. 1, 1934			
As per last Report			10,192.41
Total			$28,147.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Encampment Dues		$2,031.30	
Salaries:			
Grand Recorder	$2,000.00		
Stenographer	1,020.00		
Inspector Instructor	500.00		
Grand Treasurer	300.00		
Reviewer	150.00		
Sentinel	10.00	3,980.00	
Printing and Postage		1,457.16	
Office Supplies		123,52	
Rent and Light		1,385.03	
Telephone		293.76	
Bonding and Insurance		279.54	
Audit Fee		50.00	
Grand Commander's Fund		500.00	
Past Grand Commander's Jewels		226.00	
Inspection Printing		311.88	
Inspection Expense		481.11	
Shoulder Straps		211.03	
Dinners:			
Monthly	$911.75		
Other	201.06	1,112.81	
Entertainment		84.00	
Social Department Expenses		638.48	
Annual Conclave		823.98	
Semi-annual Conclave		429.34	
Concord Film Charges		186.30	
Concord Film Refunds		130.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals		120.57	
Providence Parade	1,656.64		
Providence Grand Stand Seats	542.51		
Providence Badges	682.73		
Providence Bands	217.00		
Providence Motion Picture	120.00	3,218.88	
Proceedings and Binding		904.90	
Flowers		78.75	
Pendant Cross		22.35	
Check Interest		2.08	
Miscellaneous Expenses		82.29	
Total Disbursements for year			$19,165.06
Cash in Bank September 30, 1935			8,982.12
Total			$28,147.18

Courteously,

CHARLES W. HENDERSON, JR.,
Grand Treasurer.

This report was received and accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

BOSTON, MASS., October 30, 1935.

I herewith respectfully present my report for the year ending September 30, 1935.

Membership 1934			20,313
Gains			
Admitted	92		
Affiliated	11		
Reinstated	18		
Errors	2		
Total Gains		123	
Losses			
Demitted	457		
Suspended	278		
Deceased	483		
Total Losses		1,218	
Net Loss			1,095
Membership			19,218

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Unpaid Oct. 1, 1934		
As per last Report	$1,349.84	
Less Overpaid	5.00	
		$1,344.84

Charges for Year

Per Capita Tax	$9,609.00
Candidates fees (92)	460.00
Dues Cards	356.22
Proceedings	87.00
Shoulder Straps	161.10
Dinner Tickets	1,400.00
Every Member Canvass Cards	58.59
Refund Annual Conclave Dinner	10.00
Engraved Invitations	6.00
Providence Parade	994.25
Providence Grand Stand Seats	963.40
Providence Badges	981.45
Providence Bands	175.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	7.75

Concord Film a/c	258.30	
Concord Contribution	12.70	
Refund Order of Merit Badges	77.25	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	176.15	
		15,794.16
		$17,139.00
Received and paid over to Grand Treasurer		15,109.95
Balance due from Commanderies Sept. 30, 1935		$2,029.05
Made up of:		
Dues for 1934	$193.00	
Dues for 1935	1,720.00	
Dues Cards	73.05	
Miscellaneous	48.00	
	$2,034.05	
Less Overpaid	5.00	
		$2,029.05

Courteously,

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

The above report is in accordance with the C. P. A's. Audit Report.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

The Committee on Returns begs leave to report that they have examined the Returns from the Constituent Commanderies and have found them correct.

ARTHUR HINDLE, *Chairman*
WILLIAM A. MANN
HARRY L. WIGGIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Balance Sheet as of October 20, 1935

Assets

Bonds—at Book Values as per list		$57,904.88
Deposits in Massachusetts Savings Banks:		
Home Savings Bank Book No. 57076	$1,418.91	
Central Savings Bank Book No. 99336	1,117.01	
Mechanics Savings Bank Book No. 45422	1,569.14	
Mechanics Savings Bank Book No. 53604	1,096.10	
		5,201.16
Cash in Union Old Lowell National Bank		2,356.76
Grand Commandery, General Fund:		
Balance of Loan for Triennial Conclave (1934) as per last account		4,499.06
Total Assets		$69,961.86

Principal Account

Balance as of October 20, 1934, as per last Report (no change during year)	$67,269.30
Income Account	2,692.56
Total	$69,961.86

Schedule of Bonds Held on October 20, 1935

Par				Book Value
$7,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	4%	1995	$7,000.00
500.00	Baltimore & Ohio	5%	1996	500.00
1,000.00	Boston Elevated Railway	4½%	1941	1,000.00
3,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	4%	1937	3,000.00
2,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	5%	1942	2,000.00
1,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	4½%	1944	1,000.00
5,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	5%	1944	5,000.00
5,000.00	City of Cleveland	4½%	1946	5,000.00
1,000.00	City of Pawtucket, R. I.	4%	1950	1,000.00
15,000.00	City of Philadelphia	4½%	1975	15,000.00
2,000.00	Detroit Edison Co.	5%	1952	2,010.00
3,000.00	Narraganset Electric Co.	5%	1958	2,947.50
1,000.00	New England Tel. & Tel.	5%	1952	972.50
4,000.00	N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.	4%	1947	4,000.00
7,500.00	U. S. Treasury Bonds	4¼%	1952	7,474.88
$58,000.00				$57,904.88

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1935

Income	
Interest on Bonds	$2,608.75
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits	140.06
	$2,748.81
Deduct—Premium on Bond called at par: not previously amortized	28.75
Income for year	$2,720.06
Expenditure	
Rent of Safe Deposit Boxes	27.50
Net Income for Year	$2,692.56

HARRY G. POLLARD,
CHARLES F. WHITE,
FREDERICK H. BRIGGS.
Trustees.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE 1935–1936

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The records and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Trustees of the Educational Foundation have been examined and the securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund checked by a certified public accountant, Sir Knight T. Rutherford Edwards, and found correct.

In accordance with the annual procedure, it is recommended that the unexpended balance of income of the Grand Fund be transferred to the General Fund.

The following budget of expenditures is recommended for the year 1935–36.

Grand Encampment Dues	$1,921.80
Annual Conclave	800.00
Semi-Annual Conclave	400.00
Annual Proceedings	600.00
Printing and Postage	600.00
Rent and Light	1,400.00
Inspections	1,100.00
Salaries	2,960.00
Typist	1,040.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Bonds and Insurance	140.00
Auditing	50.00
Reserve for 1937 Triennial	500.00
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	938.20
	$12,950.00

This budget is less than that of the preceding year, and is the minimum amount that the Committee considers should be allowed for the operation of Grand Commandery. If the income of Grand Commandery continues to decrease, more revenue must be available, or the activities of the Grand Commandery will be seriously handicapped.

It is recommended that $500.00 be paid from the General Fund to the Trustees of Grand Fund to apply on $5,400.00 borrowed for the 1934 Triennial expenses.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES A. GUNN
BERT E. HOLLAND
ARTHUR B. PRINCE

This report was received, and approved and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES KNIGHTS TEMPLARS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

October 1, 1935.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Officers and the Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Trustees of the Educational Foundation in reviewing their work for the year 1934–1935 wish that they could inspire in their fellow Sir Knights some measure of the satisfaction which they feel in the fact that their beloved Fraternity is carrying on a most generous and much needed service to the general welfare.

The period of financial stress through which we are passing has rendered more acute our recognition of the need of many of our young people of assistance in securing the higher education that may make them of greater value to the community. It has also given us gratification that we are, through the generosity of the Fraters, enabled to help so many youthful citizens become better fitted to take up the responsibilities of life. The thought that since the inception of this undertaking more than nine hundred students in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and more than twenty-four thousand throughout the United States, have been aided must bring a glow of pride and satisfaction to every Sir Knight.

Past reports have adequately covered our method of receiving, investigating and passing upon applications and of administering the Fund. For the present the Trustees content themselves by asking a careful reading of the appended report of the Executive Secretary and by acknowledging gratefully the devoted interest in the work shown for more than a decade by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the loyal support given by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. HARRIS, *Chairman*
FRANK C. HARRINGTON
DEAN K. WEBSTER
ARTHUR A. A. STEWART
HENRY S. SEE

October 1, 1935.

To the Trustees, Knights Templars Educational Foundation, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

It is with considerable satisfaction that I submit my annual report.

As the years of our service to the youth of our states pass, we may well be increasingly aware of the value and far reaching influence of that service. To realize that from 1923 to the present we have aided 919 students to complete their college education and to be disappointed in only 14 of that number, is a source of satisfaction that should awaken in the mind of each Sir Knight a sense of gratification that such service was made possible through his contribution.

While we usually measure the success of any enterprise in financial terms, the results of our service will always be far greater than any sums of money can express. Over and over again your Executive Secretary receives from students completing payments, messages indicating that the confidence and faith shown by the Knights Templars in their integrity has increased their own self-respect, and surety in their ability to perform their duties faithfully.

MEETINGS

During the year the regular meetings of the Trustees have evidenced the continued interest in the service of the Foundation. Seeking to clarify the position of the Foundation, the matter of the revision of the Regulations of the Grand Commandery governing the work of the Foundation was delegated

in November, 1934, to a special committee who, in conference with the Grand Commander and the Jurisprudence Committee, presented a report at the Semi-Annual Meeting in May, 1935. This report and the necessary revision was accepted and adopted at that session.

In April the Grand Commander received a request from the Chairman of the Grand Encampment to appoint a member of our Trustees to attend a meeting of the Educational Foundation Committees in the United States to be held in Chicago on May 18th. At the regular meeting of the Trustees, April 11th, the Grand Commander appointed the Executive Secretary, the Trustees approving. It proved to be a meeting for the purpose of establishing central control by the Grand Encampment Educational Committee, of the entire fund as now administered by the various jurisdictions. A storm of protest from the representatives present postponed the decision and no word has been received since. This proposed change involved a complete change in all methods of administration, delegating all final decisions to the Grand Encampment Educational Committee. It is yet to be seen what the outcome will be and whether or not it will be acceptable.

REPAYMENTS

In 1931, the discovery was made that the annual percentage plan of repayment of loans, as originally adopted, was not as successful a method of collection as anticipated. The amounts due each year became greater than the income increase of the borrower and could not be met. By this plan, no provision was made to care for the administration costs as no interest was charged until the student became delinquent in his payments and this could not be determined until a lapse of four years, the time allowed for repayment. A change of method of repayment was adopted whereby the student makes monthly payments, increasing in amount each year for four years. By this method a service or interest charge of 4% is made on each year's balance, thus assuring the Fund the cost of administration as is recorded in accompanying statistics. This method has proved most successful and is accepted by the student as fair and just.

The repayments this past year have been more regular than any year since establishment of the Fund. There are a few puzzling cases and a small per cent who have failed to respond but none have failed to correspond, explaining reasons for nonpayment and promising to pay as soon as possible. It is vain to attempt to classify particular professions or business as "poor pay." In the majority of cases where the students are not paying, the reason is lack of steady employment. Over 90% are paying with reasonable regularity.

ACCOUNTS

In our method of keeping accounts there is a considerable amount of detail work, as we still have two sets of books owing to the fact that not all unpaid accounts are under the same system of collection, one known as the annual of percentage method; the other as the monthly plan. The correspondence necessary to keep the students paying is very heavy.

It is gratifying to note a further reduction in what is known as our doubtful accounts. Last year it was reported that 12 accounts were so recorded. By renewal of notes and transfer to the monthly payment plan there are now nine such accounts.

It is also gratifying to note that no account this year is considered uncollectible.

It is worthy of note that 59 students have completed payments on Loans amounting to $19,475.00. A grand total of 193 students have paid since the inception of the Fund $64,-780.00, completing the payments.

The attached statistical sheets give complete information of all our transactions.

APPLICATIONS

We had a sufficient balance left from the amount allotted for fall loans early in the year, to permit the extension of time set for the reception of applications. In consequence of late reception, we now have several applications in process of investigation which we cannot enter as a part of the work of our fiscal year. All the applications thus far received show that the student has excellent recommendations as to character and scholastic ability. The review of each application with all references attached, by the Trustees and the endorsement of each by them, none being rejected this year, attests to the quality of youth we are aiding. In view of the fact that no one person passes on the eligibility of an applicant to receive aid, but each application must have the separate approval of not less than three of the five Trustees, shows the care taken in granting loans.

It is with sincere regret that the serious illness of Mr. Henry S. See, Secretary of the Trustees, prevents his serving for the present. It is to be hoped that his recovery will soon be such that he can again be active among us.

Expressing my full appreciation for the cooperation, counsel and sympathetic attention of the Trustees, I am,

Respectfully,

FRANCIS W. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary.

Applications—Fall of 1935

Received 88 applications requesting		$19,005.00
2 applications withdrawn		400.00
86 applications		$18,605.00
5 incomplete (not approved)		1,050.00
81 approved		$17,555.00
Paid September 30, 1935—		
Balance of loan of January	$100.00	
1 loan paid in full	75.00	
1 half of loans approved	8,777.50	
	$8,952.50	
Leaving balance on applications for the fall of 1935, to be paid in January, 1936	$8,777.50	

Analysis of Approved Applications

18 affiliated to Knights Templars	$3,850.00
39 affiliated to Master Masons	8,155.00
24 non-affiliated	5,550.00
	$17,555.00

Total collections for the year—Principal only..... $29,479.26

Detail of Doubtful Accounts

October 1, 1934, reported 12 Doubtful accounts	$3,691.50
3 transferred to monthly payments	1,054.00
October 1, 1935, 9 Doubtful accounts	$2,637.50

In three years this has been reduced from 33 accounts representing $10,651.50. During the year, six of the nine remaining have replied by mail acknowledging the obligation and promising to make payment as soon as possible.

Condition of the Fund

Cash on hand, checking account	$1,920.43
Cash on hand, Savings Banks	35,500.00
Student notes receivable	200,805.72
	$238,226.15
Contingent fund in hands of Grand Commandery	$10,814.00

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Operating Income and Expense

Income

Interest from Savings Banks	$1,112.37
Interest, Student Notes	117.00
Service charges, Student accounts	4,130.12
Registration fees	94.00
	$5,453.49

Expense

Salaries and wages	$4,385.00
Trustees' expenses	60.94
Postage, stationery and printing	441.54
Office furniture	84.49
Treasurer's bond	46.87
Executive Secretary's bond	9.14
Audit	50.00
Check tax	2.96
Check exchange charge	.50
	$5,082.44
Profit and loss	371.05
	$5,453.49

Work of the Year October 1, 1934 to October 1, 1935

Received, investigated, approved by the Trustees and granted loans as follows:

October, 1934—5 loans	$550.00
November, 1934—6 loans	550.00
December, 1934—2 loans	182.50
January, 1935—106 loans, balance of grants awarded September, 1934	11,025.00
January, 1935—2 emergency loans	150.00
February, 1935—3 emergency loans	450.00
April, 1935—3 emergency loans	215.00
June, 1935—3 emergency loans	215.00
	$13,337.50
September, 1935—One-half of 81 loans, Fall of 1935	8,777.50
September, 1935—One loan paid in full	75.00
September, 1935—Balance of one loan granted January	100.00
Total loans—213, paid	$22,290.00
Net notes receivable Oct. 1, 1934	$208,119.98
Gross notes receivable Oct. 1, 1935	$230,409.98
Credits, student repayments, principal only	29,479.26
	$200,930.72
Less warrant returned Jan. 18, 1935	125.00
Net Notes receivable October 1, 1935	$200,805.72

Educational Foundation Fund

For the year ending September 30, 1935

Receipts

Balance from 1934		$9,235.12
Student Loans Repayment	$29,479.26	
Interest Received	1,229.37	
Service Charges	4,130.12	
Registration Fees	94.00	
Grand Encampment (for travel)	79.05	
Francis W. Gibbs (for travel)	20.95	
Warrant No. 1773 Cancelled	125.00	35,157.75
		$44,392.87

Disbursements

Student Loans		$22,290.00
Salaries	$4,385.00	
Printing and Stationery	394.73	
Telephone and Office Supplies	146.34	
Audit	50.00	
Travel to Chicago	100.00	
Expenses	106.37	5,182.44
Transferred to Brockton Savings Bank		15,000.00
Balance in Bank to 1935		1,920.43
		$44,392.87

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES W. HENDERSON, Jr.
Grand Treasurer.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

September 16, 1935.

To Grand Commandery,

The Inspector Instructor herewith submits the Eighteenth Annual Report relating to what has proven to be the most unusual inspection period in this Grand Jurisdiction for many years.

From the standpoint of attendance on marking nights the records show a serious drop. No doubt this was occasioned largely by the multiplicity of official visits and no announcement of gradings.

The poor attendance at the Exemplifications was very disappointing in view of the fact that this program was the most extensive that this Grand Jurisdiction has ever put on. The need for Exemplifications is great but it is evident that the attendance must improve if they are to be effective.

As the gradings were made this year on a wide variety of work a comparison with other years can not very well be made.

The encouragement given the Commanderies to use the Order of the Red Cross on marking nights combined with the Red Cross Exemplifications afforded excellent opportunities for the development of initiative and improvement in the rendition of this work. May the interest thus created continue until eventually we have the same degree of efficiency in the Red Cross that we have had in the past with the Order of the Temple. As a standard for marking purposes, however, the Order of the Temple is superior.

With the largest corps of Deputies and Assistants in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction, it is most gratifying to report not a single instance of inefficiency or tendency to treat the work lightly. If the same system were to be continued there would not be a single replacement necessary or desirable.

For those who have the best interests of Grand Commandery at heart and who are particularly interested in the Inspector Instructor's Department, a careful rereading of last year's report is recommended; the suggestions and recommendations of that report are herewith repeated. They have been referred to the incoming administration together with detailed analysis of this year's operation in the belief that the program for the coming year will be wisely chosen and enthusiastically supported by every constituent commandery.

While the parade in Providence in connection with the 130th Anniversary Celebration was not a direct part of the Inspection Work, the department was privileged to participate to a considerable degree in preparing many of the details. The most praise should be accorded to the various committees for the remarkable degree of efficiency attained which enabled the Grand Commander to review the largest and most perfect parade of its kind held in this jurisdiction for many, many years. It was undoubtedly the outstanding event of the year and Grand Commandery should feel greatly indebted to the Grand Commander for making the demonstration possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY MASON,
Inspector Instructor.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Membership	Date of Inspection	Name of Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	222	15	40	277	$6.00	$90.00	Mar. 4, 1935	Adelbert E. Place
Boston	2	185	12	41	238	10.00	150.00	Dec. 19, 1934	C. William Morrill
Newburyport	3	110	31	16	157	10.00	150.00	Jan. 17, 1935	J. E. Rines
Washington	4	58	9	3	70	6.00	90.00	Jan. 16, 1935	Carl Everett Burdick
Worcester County	5	237	17	34	288	8.00	120.00	Feb. 21, 1935	Ralph A. Robbins
Springfield	6	122	9	14	145	10.00	150.00	Jan. 28, 1935	Arlan M. Spencer
De Molay	7	171	10	36	217	10.00	150.00	Nov. 26, 1934	James Moorhead, Jr.
Holy Sepulchre	8	172	8	6	186	7.00	105.00	Jan. 25, 1935	Carl Everett Burdick
Pilgrim	9	146	6	27	179	11.00	165.00	Jan. 23, 1935	Arthur A. Stewart
Palestine	10	68	2	19	89	10.00	120.50	Nov. 14, 1934	Everett B. Stacey
Milford	11	65	9	12	86	9.00	135.00	Dec. 3, 1934	Ralph A. Robbins
St. Bernard	12	37	1	10	48	30.00	500.00	Feb. 13, 1935	C. William Morrill
Calvary	13	38	–	9	47	6.00	90.00	Jan. 15, 1935	Adelbert E. Place
Haverhill	14	166	15	29	210	8.00	120.00	Feb. 19, 1935	Arthur A. Stewart
Old Colony	15	34	1	15	50	5.00	75.00	Nov. 26, 1934	Herbert W. Wilder
Sutton	16	115	8	19	142	7.00	90.00	Dec. 6, 1934	Herbert W. Wilder
Bethany	17	48	–	6	54	12.00	180.00	Jan. 28, 1935	Arthur A. Stewart
Winslow Lewis	18	47	4	14	65	8.00	120.00	Jan. 17, 1935	Everett B. Stacey
Jerusalem	19	95	5	10	110	7.50	112.50	Jan. 24, 1935	Winfield Temple
Hugh de Payens	20	134	16	17	167	9.00	135.00	Jan. 9, 1935	G. L. Marston
St. Omer	21	87	1	10	98	8.00	120.00	Jan. 21, 1935	William O. Tuckerman
Berkshire	22	52	9	17	78	5.00	75.00	Mar. 11, 1935	Arlan M. Spencer
Connecticut Valley	23	39	9	19	67	6.00	90.00	Mar. 5, 1935	George B. Sampson
Woonsocket	24	67	2	11	80	5.00	75.00	Nov. 9, 1934	John W. Mason
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	42	13	12	67	7.00	150.00	Feb. 20, 1935	Louis E. Dafgard
Joseph Warren	26	182	8	43	233	10.00	150.00	Dec. 3, 1934	Geo. T. Everett
Narragansett	27	64	9	8	81	5.00	75.00	Feb. 27, 1935	Harrison Hyslop
William Parkman	28	46	4	22	72	9.00	135.00	Mar. 12, 1935	James Moorhead, Jr.
Bristol	29	60	4	10	74	6.00	90.00	Dec. 7, 1934	John W. Mason
Northampton	30	57	3	8	68	8.00	120.00	Mar. 11, 1935	George B. Sampson
South Shore	31	20	1	7	28	8.00	120.00	Jan. 24, 1935	Herbert W. Wilder
Trinity	32	81	12	40	133	6.00	90.00	Dec. 21, 1934	Winfield Temple
Natick	33	54	6	13	73	6.00	90.00	Mar. 11, 1935	Harold W. Sprague
Coeur de Lion	34	218	21	31	270	7.00	105.00	Nov. 20, 1934	G. Lester Marston
Gethsemane	35	99	18	40	157	10.00	150.00	Feb. 26, 1935	Harold W. Sprague
Olivet	36	114	6	18	138	7.00	105.00	Feb. 6, 1935	Everett B. Stacey
Athol	37	45	10	21	76	6.00	90.00	Feb. 13, 1935	Arthur H. Nourse
Bay State	38	92	15	32	139	7.00	105.00	Feb. 25, 1935	Louis E. Dafgard
Cyprus	39	46	3	10	59	8.00	120.00	Dec. 27, 1934	William O. Tuckerman
St. Paul	40	73	6	9	88	10.00	150.00	Mar. 15, 1935	Geo. B. Sampson
Beauseant	41	150	5	26	181	8.00	128.00	Jan. 28, 1935	G. L. Marston
Cambridge	42	69	2	8	79	10.00	150.00	Jan. 22, 1935	Harrison Hyslop
Bethlehem	43	77	22	15	114	10.00	150.00	Feb. 11, 1935	J. E. Rines
St. George	44	21	2	3	26	7.50	90.00	Feb. 20, 1935	J. E. Rines
Orange	45	45	4	10	59	5.00	75.00	Jan. 25, 1935	Arthur H. Nourse
Ivanhoe	46	87	9	17	113	5.00	75.00	Jan. 16, 1935	Arthur H. Nourse
Quincy	47	85	20	23	128	10.00	150.00	Jan. 28, 1935	C. William Morrill
Temple	48	39	13	22	74	5.00	75.00	Mar. 14, 1935	Louis E. Dafgard
St. Andrew	49	53	15	28	96	7.00	105.00	Mar. 20, 1935	Charles T. Converse
Reading	50	84	9	33	126	9.00	135.00	Jan. 14, 1935	George T. Everett
Thomas Smith Webb	51	81	23	8	112	9.00	135.00	Mar. 15, 1935	Harold W. Sprague
Sir Galahad	52	58	1	15	74	7.00	90.00	Nov. 19, 1934	Harrison Hyslop
Winthrop	53	44	18	20	82	10.00	150.00	Feb. 5, 1935	James Moorhead, Jr.
Total		4,701	481	986	6,168				

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

For Year Ending October 30, 1935

Our R∴E∴Grand Commander had definite ideals in mind in establishing this department, the principal objective of which was to increase the attendance at regular conclaves, reviving the waning interest of our Sir Knights in Templary, and to offer them larger opportunities for fraternal and social enjoyment; to give more thought to our "absentee" members by the development of activities which would appeal and attract them to all conclaves of their commanderies.

It was *not* his intention, in proposing a lessening of the rigidity of the Inspection System, that there should be three inspections instead of one.

It was realized that, on the whole, we had failed during the past ten years to offer vital reasons for members not only to attend our conclaves, but to retain their membership during times of stress and that we must seek ways of attracting and holding them; and giving them cause for *pride* as well as *loyalty* to continue in Templar ranks.

With the advice, approval and support of the Planning Board and eighteen social representatives a program of activities was outlined which has been completed with the cooperation of the commanders and council officers in every commandery.

District Council Meetings

In each of the eighteen districts the social representative held early conferences with the nine council officers in his district to outline the purposes and objectives of this department and to offer our cooperation to these officers in any of their local activities or social affairs.

These conferences were most valuable in establishing closer personal contact and fraternal relations among these small groups and developed many exchange visits (so called District Nights) between their respective Commanderies. There have been 25 of these District Nights during the year, all of which were well attended by our Sir Knights, who appreciated the sociability these evenings afforded.

Presiding Council Clubs

The Presiding Council Club in Boston was formed four years ago and had proved so popular and helpful to its membership as well as to Grand Commandery that this department was instructed to organize similar clubs in Western Massachusetts and in Rhode Island which has been accomplished and these three clubs have held regular and special meetings during the year, cooperating very successfully with the various officers and departments of Grand Commandery.

As membership in these clubs is only for three years and the club officers change yearly, in order to insure continuance and for convenience of contact, these clubs have elected a permanent honorary president to keep interest alive and to cooperate with the club officers during each year.

Publicity

As Templar interest *is not* and *should not* be confined to the officers alone *all* publicity has been directed so far as possible to the entire membership as well as to all Masons and to the general public.

Twenty-one thousand envelope inserts carrying announcements of projects of the social department as well as a directory of the 53 commanderies with date of their meeting nights, picture of our Grand Commander with names and addresses of his Council were mailed to each individual Sir Knight with the monthly notice from his Commandery.

Large size "Coming Event" posters were sent to each of the 53 Commanderies for display in all Masonic Temples or Apartments and, during April, 500 Special "130th Anniversary Parade" posters were sent to all asylums, and were on display at Railroad stations and other public places all over the jurisdiction.

The various projects developed their own publicity on the radio, in the newspapers and in several Masonic publications, all of which was reported in a manner that maintained the high standards of Templary, stimulated interest, and created a most favorable impression. In all sections of the jurisdiction, also, local events and activities were similarly reported in newspapers.

All Commanderies have seemed to sense the value of carrying advance mention of special conclaves and social affairs in their monthly notices, which has been excellent and proper advertising, with publicity for the Commandery. This has indicated to the entire membership that there was new life and spirit, within the Commandery, which has been reflected in the *marked increased attendance at all regular conclaves throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.*

Templar Dinners

At this series of four dinners we had a total attendance of 530 and, while a large percentage was made up of past and present officers, it was most encouraging to note that 25 per cent of the attendance was composed of Sir Knights and their friends who thus showed their desire for this particular activity of Grand Commandery.

The dinners were practically self-supporting and seemed fully justified considering the valuable publicity created, the indication of life and activity in Templary and that they served to bring Knights Templars into closer relationship, sympathy and harmony with all other Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction than ever before.

Every Member Canvass

This canvass demonstrated the value of the personal contact in showing the Commandery's continuing interest in the needs and welfare of its membership. The analysis and study of this inventory have enabled the officers to note weaknesses and initiate corrective methods that they might better know and serve the Sir Knights of their Commandery.

I wish I had the time and space to include in this report the many letters and reports this department has received from Commanders, indicative of the value to themselves and to their membership as the result of the time and personal efforts expended on this project. I will simply quote from one (Quincy Commandery): "Statistics show that the Sir Knights throughout the jurisdiction are exhibiting signs of renewed interest in Templar Masonry by steadily increasing attendance at the conclaves. The social projects and activities inaugurated by the present Grand Commander have already accomplished much good for the Order. During the next few weeks it is the purpose of the officers of this Commandery to visit personally each member who is within reasonable calling distance. We hope this will lead to much closer relationship in the body as a whole and result in great benefit to ourselves and to the individual member."

Forty-one Commanders completed the canvass with most gratifying results.

The activity and interest on the part of the Sir Knights is only the reflection of the attitude and activity of our officers, as the strength, stability and permanence of any organization depends not only on its ideals and purposes, but upon the character and activity of its membership.

Concord Reels

These have been shown in 19 Commanderies during the year with revenue that has repaid the cost to Grand Commandery, and these reels, as well as the color film reels of the Providence parade, form a valuable record in the files of Grand Commandery which are available for entertainment at slight cost to any Commandery.

130th Anniversary Parade

This was thoroughly well advertised and proved a most popular project, in which 4,858 Sir Knights from every one of the 53 Commanderies participated.

Membership Campaign

This campaign translated our thoughts and words of the past few years into definite, concrete, co-ordinated action to achieve those results that will stem the tide of our annual losses and begin to regain numerical strength.

Every Commandery is active in the furtherance of this campaign and, as the personal contact and effort increases, we cannot fail during the year to secure a most substantial increased membership all over the jurisdiction.

Already it is gratifying to note on notices of 12 Commanderies, during September-October, 26 new candidates have either received the degrees or been elected to membership.

Attendance at Conclaves

It was the purpose of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, in establishing this department, that we arouse the interest of our Sir Knights, and especially those forgotten Sir Knights that are in every Commandery, to offer more social and fraternal opportunities to our membership that we might increase our attendance, *not* for any *one* conclave, *but at all regular conclaves during the year*, and to develop Charity, Hospitality, and Fellowship within and between Commanderies.

To build within before we could attract from without.

Personal contact was the first step toward securing increased interest and attendance and officers' enthusiasm nourished with new action, new aspirations, new vision and new effort.

Accordingly, various projects were devised and carried out with the very efficient cooperation of the officers in every Commandery, so that our record of *average attendance at all regular conclaves was increased five per cent over any previous year in the last ten years*, and the record of over 22,000 Sir Knights attending the social events during the year is a significant endorsement of our Sir Knights of the changes put into effect by the vision and force of our Grand Commander.

Average attendance at regular conclaves for past four years:

1931–32	*1932–33*	*1933–34*	*1934–35*
9.7%	11.2%	12.8%	17.8%

Reports from the 53 Commanderies show actual attendance at regular conclaves, November, 1934 to May, 1935, inclusive, of *21,688* Sir Knights, exclusive of visitors or suites, an average of 3,098 monthly.

Attendance at various social events:

		Attendance
26 Commanderies held District Nights	2,718	
37 Commanderies attended Church Service	2,358	
23 Commanderies held Ladies' Nights	3,977	
4 Commanderies held Children's Parties	694	
20 Commanderies held other social events	5,040	
		14,757
4 Templar dinners	530	
Various outings	1,980	
Anniversary Parade	4,858	
		7,368
Total		22,125

Summary

Since the birth of this Social Extension Department, one year has passed. In retrospect we call to mind the activities of the year and the question arises have they been accomplishments for the good of Templary and the advancement of this Order. Has something been said or done that would give a new concept of its beautiful teachings; or to stimulate and revive new life, interest and enthusiasm on the part of our Sir Knights?

We believe that from the standpoint of renewed faith in ourselves, of the manifestation of good fellowship that has been so unmistakably shown, of the cooperation and efficient activity of the Commanders in their efforts to give new thought and life to their Commanderies and instill in the hearts of their Sir Knights, a closer relationship between themselves and the Commandery, then we feel that under our Grand Commander's leadership we *have* had a very successful year indeed.

The year has demonstrated beyond any question that personal contact with our Sir Knights has been greatly appreciated and given officers and members alike new conceptions and values to the Knighthood of Service.

William A. Mann,
Director Social Extension Department.

This report was received, accepted, and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

NEW BUSINESS

The following motion by V∴E∴Harold W. Sprague was offered and accepted:

"I move that the incoming Grand Commander be authorized and empowered, if in his discretion, he deems best, to enter, in behalf of the Grand Commandery, upon the publication enterprise in accordance with the stipulations and subject to the conditions stated in the report of the Grand Commander."

Motion carried and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

ADDRESSES

Stirring and complimentary addresses were made by R∴E∴ William Moseley Brown, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia and R∴E∴C. Byron Lear, Grand Sword Bearer and Inspecting Officer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Recess was taken at 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2.30 o'clock Grand Commandery reconvened.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing Templar year were installed by R∴E∴Sir Clarence M. Dunbar, P.G.C., assisted by R∴E∴Sir Charles F. White as Grand Marshal, namely:

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague . . . . . *Grand Commander*
V∴E∴Sir Charles T. Converse . . . . . *Deputy Grand Commander*
E∴Sir George T. Everett . . . . . *Grand Generalissimo*
E∴Sir Adelbert E. Place . . . . . *Grand Captain General*
E∴Sir Harrison Hyslop . . . . . *Grand Senior Warden*
E∴Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart . . . . . *Grand Junior Warden*
E∴Sir Rev. Francis W. Gibbs . . . . . *Grand Prelate*
E∴Sir Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, D.D., LL.D. *Associate Grand Prelate*
E∴Sir Charles W. Henderson, Jr. . . . . *Grand Treasurer*
E∴Sir Martin J. Pleschinger . . . . . *Grand Recorder*
E∴Sir John E. Rines . . . . . *Grand Standard Bearer*
E∴Sir Arlan M. Spencer . . . . . *Grand Sword Bearer*
E∴Sir George W. Sprague . . . . . *Grand Warder*
E∴Sir Ralph A. Robbins . . . . . *Grand Captain of the Guard*
E∴Sir Herbert F. Sawyer . . . . . *Grand Sentinel*
E∴Sir William O. Tuckerman . . . . . *Division Commander*
E∴Sir George B. Sampson . . . . . *Division Commander*
E∴Sir G. Lester Marston . . . . . *Division Commander*
E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson . . . . . *Division Commander*
E∴Sir Hervey Mason . . . . . *Inspector Instructor*

COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

E∴Sir Ethelbert V. Grabill, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir Walter W. Burnham — E∴Sir Charles A. Harrington
E∴Sir Claude L. Allen — E∴Sir Theodore R. Lockwood

Finance

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Bert E. Holland — E∴Sir Arthur D. Prince

Charters and Dispensations

R∴E∴Sir William S. Hamilton, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir Charles R. Hunt — R∴E∴Sir George L. Dodd

Returns

E∴Sir Arthur Hindle, *Chairman*
E∴Sir William A. Mann — E∴Sir Harry L. Wiggin

Credentials

E∴Sir Percy C. Bond, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Harold A. Budreau — E∴Sir Robert L. Coombs

Printing

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague, *Chairman*
V∴E∴Sir Charles T. Converse — E∴Sir Martin J. Pleschinger

Deputy Inspector Instructors

E∴Sir Harold A. Budreau — E∴Sir Ralph C. Knapp
E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker — E∴Sir George L. Parmenter
E∴Sir James R. Crosby — E∴Sir Elmer H. Robinson
E∴Sir Freemont S. Eggleston

Social Extension

R∴E∴Sir Charles F. White, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Clifford E. Bragdon — E∴Sir Charles A. Hammond
E∴Sir E. Dudley Chase — E∴Sir Elliott F. Jaquith
E∴Sir Albert W. Claflin — E∴Sir Victor E. MacKinstry
E∴Sir Amos W. Crooks — E∴Sir George W. Smith
E∴Sir Irving A. Green

Necrology

E∴Sir Francis W. Gibbs, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Alvin F. Pease — E∴Sir Walter A. Smith

Triennial

V∴E∴Sir Charles T. Converse, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir Frederick H. Briggs — E∴Sir Harrison Hyslop
E∴Sir George T. Everett — E∴Sir Martin J. Pleschinger
E∴Sir Adelbert E. Place

Trustees, Educational Foundation

Sir Henry H. Harris, five years
E∴Sir Frank C. Harrington, four years.
E∴Sir Dean K. Webster, three years
E∴Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart, two years
E∴Sir Henry S. See, one year

Trustees, Grand Fund

R∴E∴Sir Harry G. Pollard, one year
R∴E∴Sir Frederick H. Briggs, two years
R∴E∴Sir Charles F. White, three years

Reviewer of Templar Proceedings

R∴E∴Sir James A. Gunn

Adjournment was taken at 4 o'clock.

A true record.

Attest: MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Eminent Sirs:

It would be well if at this time we could gather all the good evidenced in the life of each Sir Knight who during the year has been called to take upon himself the adventure into the Great Beyond. The results of such a survey would probably astound us all by the virtues we should find, but the task is too great for the moment. It is well for us to remember that

more than likely in the sum of all the lives of our brethren will be found far more good than evil. It is for the good that was theirs that we love and honor them.

Thus it is throughout the length of human life; there is more of God and good than we think. Well shall we do to pause in our daily round of duties to consider the great revelations made through our companionship and friendly intercourse where good may be found.

"I see the wrong that round me lies
I feel the guilt within;
I hear, with groan and travail-cries,
The world confess its sin.

Yet in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!"

This is one of the great benefits of our beloved Fraternity. Here we establish a relation which brings to the surface the best that is in us under conditions that are both ideal and holy. Here, too, we learn the eternal value of all good under the Providence of God. "Remember me at my best" was the request of a well-known character who had come to grief. It is the best, the goodness, the love manifest in life that go to make the eternal.

The light has gone out for four hundred eighty-three of our Sir Knights, each loved by those of his fireside and home, each bound to the other and to us who are here, by ties of loyalty and affection. Their record in life's journey stands. We cherish their memory, realizing that each added something to some other life and all increased the value of human life by as much of virtue as they manifested and left for us to admire. It is no little thing to know that each life counts for something in the eternal sum of God's great purpose.

"The living God. The God that is the world.
The World? The world is man—the work of man.
Then—dare I follow what I see?—
Then—By Thy Glory—it must be
That we are in thy plan!

God in the daily work we've done,
In the daily path we've trod—
Stand still, my heart, for I am part—
I too—of the Living God!"

Some of our Sir Knights won marked distinction among their fellows. It is quite remarkable to note the extent and fullness of such lives. We praise them for their deeds of valor

and beneficence: we honor them for the good they left for us to remember them by: we are thankful they have been counted as one among us who did much to make life richer and the world a better place to live in.

"Whether you found the Great Adventure all you thought,
Whether or no that Life to your belief squares true,
The legacy you left us—yourself—has taught
What creeds, however good, could never do.
This world is better for your being here;
The world grew brighter when it felt you near."

The Eminent Sir Knights of our Grand Commandery whose names are added to the long roll, have faithfully served and given their best to advance the cause of righteousness and truth. We honor them and with gratitude give expression to the fact that the influence of their personality remains to make our own time glad.

"Those who love can never die. They are a part
Of all that lives beneath the summer's sky;
With the world's living soul their souls are one:
Nor shall they in vast Nature be undone
And lost in the general life; each separate heart
Shall live, and find its own, and never die."

IN TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE VALIANT SIR KNIGHTS, MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

R.∴E.∴Sir Henry C. Dexter, Grand Commander 1921–1922	Died Apr. 13, 1935
R.∴E.∴Sir Winthrop Messenger, Grand Commander 1900–1901	Died May 30, 1935

PAST COMMANDERS

Calvary, No. 13	Frederick G. Stiles	Died Dec. 27, 1934
Bethlehem, No. 43	Washington G. Tucker	Died Jan. 16, 1935
Reading, No. 50	Edward B. Eames	Died Feb. 5, 1935
Bethany, No. 17	Benjamin Andrew	Died Feb. 25, 1935
Palestine, No. 10	Howard Walker	Died Mar. 2, 1935
Natick, No. 33	James F. Higgins	Died Mar. 28, 1935
Bethany, No. 17	Wallace M. Priest	Died Apr. 25, 1935
William Parkman, No. 28	E. Coleman Brown	Died Apr. 28, 1935
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25	William H. Beattie	Died May 10, 1935
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25	Henry Ashworth	Died May 16, 1935
Coeur de Lion, No. 34	William A. Seward	Died June 22, 1935
Calvary, No. 13	Carleton C. Chase	Died July 9, 1935
St. John's, No. 1	Waldo M. Place	Died Aug. 4, 1935
St. Bernard, No. 12	Curtis Chipman	Died Aug. 29, 1935
Hugh de Payens, No. 20	Lester B. Chisholm	Died Oct. 9, 1935
Palestine, No. 10	Frederick A. Cheney	Died Oct. 27, 1935

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

R∴E∴Sir John Campbell, Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A. Died Aug. 17, 1935

ACTIVE GRAND OFFICERS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

E∴Sir Herbert T. Kelley, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Commandery of Vermont Died Jan. 6, 1935
E∴Sir Wilber P. Webster, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Florida Died Jan. 29, 1935
E∴Sir Stanley T. Patton, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of West Virginia Died June 30, 1935
R∴E∴Sir George M. Sitgreaves, Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Died July 5, 1935
E∴Sir George W. Spencer, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Oklahoma Died Aug. 9, 1935
V∴E∴Sir Charles P. Morningstar, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Maryland Died Sept. 5, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Henry Schaefer, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio Died Oct. 19, 1935

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

R∴E∴Sir Frank W. VanHorn	West Virginia	Died Oct. 9, 1934
R∴E∴Sir David M. Brownlee	Iowa	Died Oct. 19, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Frederick W. Clarke	Georgia	Died Oct. 20, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Bryan E. Miot	South Carolina	Died Nov. 18, 1934
R∴E∴Sir William M. Oakey	Virginia	Died Dec. 15, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Charles S. Schurman	Minnesota	Died Dec. 18, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Charles H. Hull	Connecticut	Died Dec. 20, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Edmund B. King	Ohio	Died Dec. 30, 1934
R∴E∴Sir Henry F. Barth	New Jersey	Died Jan. 9, 1935
R∴E∴Sir John B. Cleland	Oregon	Died Jan. 21, 1935
R∴E∴Sir John P. Eaton	Minnesota	Died Jan. 24, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Roland M. Hollock	Illinois	Died Jan. 28, 1935
R∴E∴Sir George T. Wofford	Tennessee	Died Feb. 2, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Lee E. Thomas	Louisiana	Died Feb. 16, 1935
R∴E∴Sir August E. Othmer	Iowa	Died Mar. 4, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Henry K. Ricker	Oklahoma	Died Mar. 6, 1935
R∴E∴Sir John W. Hughes	Nebraska	Died Mar. 10, 1935
R∴E∴Sir William E. Perryman	Indiana	Died Mar. 26, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Adams F. Brown	Nevada	Died Apr. 9, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Charles W. Pomeroy	Montana	Died Apr. 10, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Ira B. Kirkland	Oklahoma	Died Apr. 23, 1935
R∴E∴Sir John George Heinz	California	Died May 6, 1935
R∴E∴Sir William E. Grace	Oregon	Died May 20, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Charles W. Brown	West Virginia	Died May 28, 1935
R∴E∴Sir George D. Riley	Mississippi	Died June 18, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Frederick W. Hardwick	Kentucky	Died July 8, 1935
R∴E∴Sir James M. Rawlings	Maryland	Died July 22, 1935
R∴E∴Sir John D. Cleveland	Illinois	Died Aug. 2, 1935
R∴E∴Sir Phorian S. Park	Texas	Died Sept. 6, 1935
R∴E∴Sir George T. Bryan	South Carolina	Died Sept. 10, 1935
R∴E∴Sir William S. Knights	California	Died Sept. 17, 1935

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. GIBBS
Grand Prelate
ALVIN F. PEASE
} *Committee.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

HAMILTON, OHIO, December 15, 1934.

Most Eminent and Dear Frater:

The following sentiment has been prepared by this Committee for the coming Christmas Observance:

To Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master:

The Christmas bells will soon be ringing, and with hearts already attuned to the melody of Christmas carols, the Templar hosts of America salute you as their chosen leader for the present Triennium, and while congratulating you upon your preferment, pledge you their unwavering loyalty, and an honest, earnest endeavor to keep their lines moving forward in the great battle of right against wrong, good against evil, truth against falsehood, chastity against lewdness and justice against oppression, and "With the Cross of Jesus going on before," they have no fear as to the final outcome of this bitter warfare.

They realize, however, that in this great warfare, Templary must have, and they believe it will have, the support and hearty co-operation of the good and true of every Community where the Gospel of Christ is preached, and the precepts and teachings of Templary are understood and followed, and that as Templary cannot invite the Communities into its asylums, there to learn something of its personnel, its purposes and activities, it should carry Templary out into the Communities through the medium of its membership, whose uprightness of character and correct moral deportment through life should convince such Communities of the purity and permanency of our great Order, and win for it their cordial support and co-operation.

In this day and hour when Depression still stalks in our midst; when the cry of hunger and want is still heard in our fair land; when the very atmosphere seems to be charged with disorder, riot and bloodshed, and when the morale of humanity seems to be at a rather low ebb, your Fraters under obedience to the Grand Encampment give you assurance that in their great army of Christian Knights there are multitudes of men of exalted minds and pure hearts who, with you as their leader, will stand bravely forth and point the way to higher, better and nobler things.

May the Yule-tide season bring to you and yours the sweetest pleasures and felicities of life.

To which the Grand Master responds as follows:

Your kind Christmas Greetings are gratefully received and most cordially reciprocated. It is my ardent wish that this

day may bring to you, one and all, and to those near and dear to you, all joy and happiness.

The day has an especial significance to us as Templars—members of an Order founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. It has been truly said that the world needs the gospel of Christ today as it has never needed it before and that our precepts and teachings, based on those of the lowly Nazarene, offer the sole solution of the perplexities of our day. As Templars let it be our constant endeavor to spread the gospel of Brotherhood, and in our daily lives exemplify the true spirit and teachings of Christianity—to the end that this weary world may be a little brighter and better for our having lived. May the joy and satisfaction of helpful service be yours, for only in bringing joy and happiness into the lives of others do we ourselves partake of real joy.

Alfred Austin has left us this message:

"Is life worth living? Yes, so long
As there is wrong to right,
Wail of the weak against the strong,
Or tyranny to fight;
Long as there lingers gloom to chase,
Or streaming tear to dry;
One kindred woe, one sorrowing face
That smiles as we draw nigh;
Long as a tale of anguish swells
The heart, and lids grow wet,
And at the sound of Christmas bells
We pardon and forget;
So long as Faith with Freedom reigns,
And loyal Hope survives,
And gracious charity remains
To leaven lowly lives;
While there is one untrodden tract
For Intellect or Will.
And men are free to think and act
Life is worth living still."

To Grand Commanders, and Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies under the Immediate Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment:

The foregoing toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation, through the proper officers, to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments expressed, on Tuesday, December 25, 1934, at some convenient hour, preferably at noon, Eastern Standard Time, (equivalent to 5.00 P.M. Greenwich).

Courteously and fraternally yours,

NELSON WILLIAMS, P.G.C.,
Committee on Christmas Observance.

Address of the Grand Master
ANDREW D. AGNEW
815 Title Guaranty Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Hawaiian	Standard Time 165° W.	6 A.M.
Alaska	Standard Time 135° W.	8 A.M.
Pacific	Standard Time 120° W.	9 A.M.
Mountain	Standard Time 105° W.	10 A.M.
Central	Standard Time 90° W.	11 A.M.
Greenwich	Standard Time 0° W.	5 P.M.
Philippine	Standard Time 120° E.	1 A.M.
	December 26.	

To Most Eminent Sir Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master

Most Eminent and Dear Sir:

The Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island extend to you the greeting of the Christmas season. It is their pleasure to again pledge their loyalty to the Grand Encampment and to you as their chosen leader.

The challenge of the present social and economic conditions is such that our thought of Christmas makes of the season something more than the pleasurable outbursts of a holiday. We have a real task to perform in presenting to the perplexed people of our time the Templar spirit of brotherhood and good-will. To gain self control and confidence and impart such to others calls for Knightly valor and a loyalty to the principles of our order.

When we think of the supreme sacrifice of the Christ, whose advent the Christmas season commemorates, a sacrifice for the ideals of righteousness, truth and love among men, we as Christian Knights face the foes of civilization with stout hearts and willing spirits to overcome them. With suffering and want in our midst we can and will seek to relieve and replenish to the best of our ability.

"The holier service which God deigns to bless,
Restores the lost and heals the spirit broken
And feeds the widow and the fatherless."

In our families and among our fraters let joy abound, such as behooves brave Knights inspired by great ideals and high motives. To all I extend my happy greeting, hoping ever and praying always for the coming of that day when there shall be resounding in each heart the angel song, "Peace on earth, good-will among men."

Courteously and fraternally yours,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, November 1, 1934.

Official Order No. 1.
Series 1934–1935.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

Looking forward to the coming Christmas Season, fully aware of the great distress there is all about us, a strong appeal is being made, by means of this Official Order, for a thorough, careful survey of the condition of your members, the widows and children of your late Sir Knights, so not one will be forgotten on this anniversary of the birth of our Savior, that their needs will be supplied and some comfort be given to them, in conformity with the command, *"Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted."*

A successful survey cannot be established through hoping that the less fortunate will come forward and make their needs known—this requires work and we suggest that the Council of each Commandery in company with the Recorder set aside an evening and studiously scan the roster to make sure that every case is covered and the facts established. Nor can this be accomplished within a few days of Christmas—this survey should begin now and a real job done with it. One of the sins of omission is to follow the line of least resistance—avoid it, it is destructive.

The Grand Commandery will supply each Commandery with a sufficient number of subscription cards in time to enclose with your November notices. You should also enclose a self-addressed unstamped envelope for the convenience of the contributor.

We offer for thoughtful consideration that each Commandery send a printed letter to each of their Sir Knights, in addition to the items carried on monthly notices, explaining that every dollar contributed will be spent by the Council officers for Christmas Good-cheer, Good-will and relief *only*.

When your Commandery cases of need are cared for, it will be in order to go outside of your ranks to relieve worthy cases, preference being given to families where there are children.

The payment of dues for delinquent members is *not* in order and must *not* be entertained.

The deposit of this collection into a Commanderies Charity Fund is *not* in order and must be avoided.

This is a collection for one purpose only, which is "Relief to the needy" at Christmas time.

"A wretched soul bruis'd with adversity,
We bid be quiet when we hear it cry;
But, were we burthen'd with like weight of pain,
As much, or more, we should ourselves complain."

Let us Knights Templars set ourselves to the task of taking into joyless homes on this Christmas Day some worthwhile "deed of charity and pure beneficence."

This Official Order is to be read at the Conclave immediately following its receipt, its spirit carried into effect and the results reported to me.

Wishing you the compliments of the Christmas Season.

Courteously,

[SEAL] ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Official Order No. 2.
Series 1934–1935.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Greetings:

In order that the several Commanderies of this jurisdiction may participate in the 130th Anniversary of this Grand Commandery,

I, by the virtue of the power in me vested as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, hereby grant this my dispensation, authorizing the Commanderies throughout this jurisdiction to parade at Providence, R. I., in full Templar regalia, with banners and music on Sunday, May 12, 1935.

Due and proper return to be made to me of action taken under this authority within thirty days of its acceptance, and this dispensation filed in the archives of the respective Commanderies and spread in full upon the records.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery this 1st day of May, A. D., 1935, A. O. 817.

Courteously,

[SEAL] ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Official Order No. 3.
Series 1934–1935.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Greetings:

In order that the several Commanderies of this jurisdiction may observe the anniversary of St. John's Day by a Pilgrimage or Field Day,

I, by virtue of the power in me vested as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, hereby grant this my dispensation, authorizing the Commanderies to parade within this jurisdiction in full Templar regalia, with banners and music, during the period between and including the first and thirtieth days of June, 1935, making fraternal visitations, or for other purposes.

Due and proper return to be made to me of action taken under this authority within thirty days of its acceptance, and this dispensation filed in the archives of the respective Commanderies and spread in full upon the records.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery this fifteenth day of May, A.D., 1935, A. O. 817.

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, August 21, 1935.

Official Order No. 4.
Series 1934–1935.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:

WHERE WILL YOUR COMMANDERY BE IN 5 YEARS AND 10 YEARS FROM NOW?

	Candidates	Membership	Net Gains	Net Losses
1926	902	26,563	34	...
1927	673	26,416	..	147
1928	530	26,198	..	218
1929	458	25,709	..	489
1930	398	25,066	..	643
1931	315	24,321	..	745
1932	143	23,132	..	1,189
1933	85	21,627	..	1,505
1934	84	20,303	..	1,324
1935	80	19,210	.. at least	1,093
Net loss in 10 years				7,319 (27+%)

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS SHOWS THE AVERAGE AGE OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO BE 60 YEARS OR OVER

In nearly every Commandery loss of members and corresponding loss in yearly income, forces a problem that seriously interferes with our functioning as constituent organizations.

WHAT ARE YOU, AND YOUR OFFICERS, AND SIR KNIGHTS, GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

A carefully devised, Selective Campaign for candidates, will begin at once. The details of this plan will be in your hands before September 1st, and will merit your earnest attention and support.

Any analysis of the losses and conditions in your own Commandery will convince you of the vital need of doing SOMETHING, and of DOING IT NOW, if we are to begin to stop these heavy annual losses and eventually regain substantial membership.

This MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN will mean personal work for YOU and YOUR COMMITTEES, and is a CALL for ACTIVE SERVICE, for every officer and Sir Knight, for the maintenance and upbuilding of KNIGHTS TEMPLARS in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Please carry mention of this Membership Campaign on the September and October notices of your Commandery, as a constructive outstanding objective.

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

RECORDERS PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AT ONCE TO THE COUNCIL OFFICERS.

October 31, 1934.

Official Circular No. 1.
Series 1934–1935.

The following named officers of this Grand Commandery were elected and appointed at the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Conclave, held in Boston, Mass., October 31, 1934, A. O. 816.

Arthur S. Vaughn, R. E. Grand Commander
1153 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.
Harold W. Sprague, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
157 Centre Street, Brockton, Mass.
Charles T. Converse, Em. Grand Generalissimo
115 State Street, Springfield, Mass.
George T. Everett, Em. Grand Captain General
4a Pleasant Avenue, Somerville, Mass.
Adelbert E. Place, Em. Grand Senior Warden
144 Pine Street, Providence, R. I.
Harrison Hyslop, Em. Grand Junior Warden
643 Watertown Street, Newtonville, Mass.
Rev. Francis W. Gibbs, Em. Grand Prelate
205 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, Associate Grand Prelate
Brown University, Providence, R. I.
Charles W. Henderson, Em. Grand Treasurer
238 Chestnut Street, West Newton, Mass.
Martin J. Pleschinger, Em. Grand Recorder
205 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Arthur A. A. Stewart, Em. Grand Standard Bearer
125 Luce Street, Lowell, Mass.
John E. Rines, Em. Grand Sword Bearer
75 Cambridge Street, Winchester, Mass.
Earl C. Whelden, Em. Grand Warder
20 Doane Avenue, Providence, R. I.
Herbert F. Sawyer, Em. Grand Sentinel
96 Carver Street, Boston, Mass.
Arlan M. Spencer, Em. Grand Captain of the Guard
184 State Street, Springfield, Mass.
Ralph A. Robbins, Em. Division Commander
27 Munroe Street, Worcester, Mass.
William O. Tuckerman, Em. Division Commander
3 Dell Avenue, Hyde Park, Mass.
George B. Sampson, Em. Division Commander
280 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, Mass.
C. William Morrill, Em. Division Commander
35 Dix Street, Winchester, Mass.
Carl E. Burdick, Em. Division Commander
P. O. Box 391, Westerly, R. I.
James Moorhead, Jr., Em. Division Commander
26 Homer Road, Quincy, Mass.
G. Lester Marston, Em. Division Commander
63 Dover Street, West Medford, Mass.
Everett B. Stacey, Em. Division Commander
204 Eastern Avenue, Lynn, Mass.
Winfield Temple, Em. Division Commander
Marlboro, Mass.
Herbert W. Wilder, Em. Division Commander
Hingham, Mass.

Louis E. Dafgard, Em. Division Commander
West Hill Avenue, Somerset, Mass.
Arthur H. Nourse, Em. Division Commander
77 Temple Street, Gardner, Mass.
John W. Mason, Em. Division Commander
47 Rockland Avenue, Woonsocket, R. I.
Hervey Mason, Em. Inspector Instructor
111 First Street, Melrose, Mass.

Membership

Gains		Losses	
Admitted	84	Demitted	451
Affiliated	8	Suspended	464
Reinstated	8	Expelled	1
Errors	31	Error	1
		Died	528
	131		1,445

Membership 1933	21,627
Membership 1934	20,313
Net Loss	1,314

In witness whereof I have set my hand and have affixed the seal of this Grand Commandery the day and year above written.

Courteously,

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

[Seal]

Official Circular No. 2.
Series 1934–1935.

To Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

Beginning on the second Thursday of January (January 10) and continuing on second Thursday of each month, namely February 14, March 14, April 11 and May 9, at 6.30 P.M., the Grand Commandery monthly conferences and banquets will be held in Main Dining Room, Hotel Touraine, Boston, when the message of Templary will be fully developed by distinguished Templars and speakers.

Dress Informal

These conferences are designed for evenings of relaxation after your day's labors and will afford opportunities for enlarging your circle of acquaintances and, if you desire, to entertain in a pleasing atmosphere, your friends and business associates from out of town, who may be in Boston on the above named dates.

Too long has the light of Templary been hidden "under a bushel" hence it is high time that this should be corrected and our place in the scheme of things be understood. Ours is an organization founded for the real purpose of benefitting all mankind.

> "Hoping ever, and praying always for the advent of that glorious day when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains; when swords shall be beaten into plough-shares and spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; when the reign of the Blessed Emanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation shall become universal and eternal."

The price of tickets is placed at $2.00 each and can be obtained from the Grand Commander or at the Grand Recorder's office, 205 Masonic Temple, Boston.

It is my request that this communication be read by each Commander at the Conclave immediately following its receipt that all of our Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction may become informed of this activity.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the twenty-first day of November, A.D., 1934, A. O. 816.

With all good wishes.

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

Official Circular No. 3.
Series 1934–1935.

December 17, 1934.

To the Eminent Commanders in this Grand Jurisdiction:
Dear Eminent Commander:

Upon reviewing the reports of the various Commanderies which I have received, I notice with regret the tremendous amount of uncollected dues. Our Grand Recorder, who is also Recorder of Palestine Commandery, has sent out a circular letter to all the delinquents in his Commandery calling attention to such unpaid dues. Thinking it might be helpful to other Commanderies I have asked his permission to allow you to use it if you so choose, and am enclosing a copy for your consideration.

First of all, may I state that as Right Eminent Grand Commander I am very much worried and annoyed about these delinquent dues and I am desirous that every effort possible be made to collect them,—and second, I am deeply concerned regarding the suspension of members for non-payment of dues. I feel, however, that with serious thought and united effort this condition can be corrected. The reason for the delinquency in the payment of dues is in a large measure chargeable to the industrial depression, which apparently has brought about an indifference on the part of officers whose duties call for a careful oversight of the finances of their respective Commanderies, with a consequent let-up of effort in urging payment, and choosing to follow the line of least resistance, hence many treasuries are nearly depleted. I believe the only correction for this condition can come through personal contact—through a missionary appointed by you as Eminent Commander. For your information, one of the Masonic Bodies, of which I happen to be Chairman of the Finance Committee, has a contact man in the field calling upon its members as a missionary of good fellowship showing an interest in their conditions from a Masonic standpoint. This brother's work has brought into the treasury this year more than $2,000.00 from a possible $3,300.00. This is a very gratifying financial result, not to mention the number of members retained in the craft through this effort.

I think it might be well to place ourselves in the position of the delinquent member with no one calling upon us; no one seeming to care whether or not we are an active member of the Commandery; no one to take an interest in us as brother Masons and no one to show us that the true Masonic spirit still prevails—just how would we feel about taking care of our obligations to our Commandery under such conditions?

May I not prevail upon you to select some good, kind, and sympathetic Sir Knight, one who is a pleasant talker and one that could tactfully reason with your Sir Knights and thereby collect delinquent dues if they only get 50 cents each time they visit. The Sir Knight selected to do this work to be paid 15 per cent of what he collects. I think we could find many of our boys that are out of work who would be glad to do this collecting. I will appreciate your reaction to this letter.

Courteously yours,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

BOSTON, January 3, 1935.

Official Circular No. 4.
Series 1934–1935.

To Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

It is very gratifying to your Grand Commander to have noted the unanimous endorsement of the council officers assembled at recent meetings of the three Presiding Council Clubs, of the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS which has been explained by the Director of the Social Extension Dept.

As the Strength, Stability, and Growth of our ORDER depends not only upon its Purposes and Ideals, but upon the Character, Interest and Activity of its membership, this Every Member Canvass is designed to carry a distinct Message of Interest of the Commandery in the Welfare of its members and to secure information and data that will enable the Commander to better know and serve its membership.

It is my desire therefore that all Commanders and Council Officers co-operate loyally in the plans for completing this Every Member Canvass during January-February, and to CONTINUE THE CANVASSING COMMITTEES throughout the year, to maintain this personal contact with our membership.

Further details will be sent to each Commander, and a condensed report will be requested by the Social Representative, when the Canvass is completed.

One definite result, we should expect of this concerted activity, is the increased attendance of our Sir Knights, not only upon Inspection Night, by the Division Commander; Visitation Night by the Inspector Instructor; BUT UPON ALL SPECIAL AND REGULAR CONCLAVES OF THE COMMANDERY.

Let us not only maintain our high standards of Ritual and Tactics, but exemplify at all of our meetings, that Spirit of Friendliness and Hospitality, that is characteristic of all true Knights Templars.

Wishing you all a Happier and more Prosperous New Year, I am,

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

Official Circular No. 4A.
Series 1934–1935.
General Instructions.

ToAll Officers Concerned:—

Greetings:—

TO ALL COMMANDERS:—

1. Please be informed that a new supply of 40 year Service Medals has been procured and will be promptly mailed on order being received. It is very important that our forty year members be remembered and decorated with this medal of recognition of a service well done, and I urge every Commander to confer with the Recorder and see to it that not one of these Sir Knights is overlooked.

2. When monthly notices are being prepared it will be effective and appreciated if more emphasis is placed on the desire for large attendance on the evenings of visits of the Inspector Instructor. His is a very important office and should be so recognized and every knightly courtesy extended—and it is my earnest hope that Commanders will use their best endeavors to build up enthusiasm on these nights. This also applies to the Social Representative's visit. If space permits, please carry on your notices dates of Inspections and Official Visits of Commanderies in your immediate vicinity.

3. It is my desire that each Commander procure a receipt from those officers who have a Ritual and Tactics in their possession and deposit it with the Recorder so that a complete record may be shown to the visiting officers. This is imperative and must be observed. I suggest that a book be used for this record. The number of the Rituals and Tactics entered and the officers signature to appear opposite each number. Furthermore the new Constitution of the Grand Encampment states that at all installations "The Installing Officer will see before he administers the vow that all Rituals and all Constitutions are in the possession of the incoming Commander."

To Division Commanders, Inspector Instructors and Social Representatives:—

1. Please be informed that the Grand Constitution calls for only "Templar jewels to be worn on coats of Officers," and be governed accordingly.

2. Deputy Grand Warders must not pass under the Arch of Steel, but wait until it has been removed before they pass through the lines. This is regulations.

3. In future please show on your reports, the weather conditions, as this has an important bearing on attendance.

General:—

Please refer to the Red Book, Pages No. 3 and No. 4 and read carefully, that each may become thoroughly familiar with the instructions which govern this year's set-up.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on this 25th day of January A.D., 1935, A. O. 817.

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

[SEAL]

ATTEST:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

BOSTON, May 15, 1935.

Official Circular No. 5.

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To Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies:

Greetings:

The pronounced success of the parade in Providence, R. I., on Sunday, May 12, 1935, in recognition of the 130th anniversary of the founding of this Grand Commandery is credited to all the Commanderies who so generously responded to the call and is indicative of the soundness of the structure upon which Templary is builded. As your Grand Commander, I wish to acknowledge the obligation you have placed me under by your Knightly response, and to thank the officers, committees and the individual Sir Knights for their splendid unity of spirit and the enthusiasm, without which we would have failed.

It is with a deep sense of satisfaction that more than 6,000 Sir Knights in full Templar regalia, with banners and music, once again paraded in public under the motto carried by our Christian organization "In hoc signo vinces" significant of the Pilgrimage we are engaged in, which in God's own time will bring the advent of that glorious day when "the mountain of

the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains;" when "swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks;" when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" when the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Great Captain of our Salvation, shall become universal and eternal."

With all good wishes.

Courteously,

ARTHUR S. VAUGHN,
Grand Commander.

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United States of America

1934–1937

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The 40th Triennial Conclave will be held at Miami, Florida July 17-23, 1937.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS

GRAND COMMANDERS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND COMMANDERY	GRAND RECORDERS	P. O. ADDRESS
T. Gaines St. John	308 S. Monterey St., Mobile	Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
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Theodore F. Voelter	374 Union Ave., Belleville	New Jersey	Edward West	Camden
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		Canada	John A. Mackerrow	Montreal P. Q.
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		Scotland	W.A.A. Balfour	Edinburgh

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Date		Date		Date	
1805	*Thomas Smith Webb	1848	*John R. Bradford	1891	*Robert H. Chamberlain
1806	" " "	1849	" " "	1892	*William H. H. Soule
1807	" " "	1850	" " "	1893	*Charles C. Fry
1808	" " "	1851	*James Hutchinson	1894	*Samuel C. Lawrence
1809	" " "	1852	" "	1895	*Eugene H. Richards
1810	" " "	1853	" "	1896	*William R. Walker
1811	" " "	1854	*Simon W. Robinson	1897	*Walter Cutting
1812	" " "	1855	" " "	1898	*George L. Shepley
1813	" " "	1856	*Daniel Harwood	1899	*Herbert F. Morse
1814	" " "	1857	" "	1900	*Winthrop Messenger
1815	" " "	1858	*Winslow Lewis	1901	*George E. Hilton
1816	" " "	1859	" "	1902	*George H. Kenyon
1817	" " "	1860	*William Field	1903	*Freeman C. Hersey
1818	*William Wilkinson	1861	" "	1904	*Dana J. Flanders
1819	" "	1862	*William Ellison	1905	*Edwin A. Blodgett
1820	*Henry Fowle	1863	*William S. Gardner	1906	*E. Bentley Young
1821	" "	1864	" " "	1907	*Charles I. Litchfield
1822	" "	1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	1908	*John D. Munroe
1823	" "	1866	" " " "	1909	Walter W. Burnham
1824	" "	1867	*William W. Baker	1910	*J. Albert Blake
1825	" "	1868	" " "	1911	*Lafayette G. Blair
1826	*John Carlisle	1869	*Benjamin Dean	1912	Frank L. Nagle
1827	" "	1870	" "	1913	William W. Johnson
1928	" "	1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck	1914	*Walter F. Medding
1829	*John James Loring	1872	" " "	1915	*Frederick I. Dana
1830	" " "	1873	*Charles A. Stott	1916	*Samuel D. Sherwood
1831	" " "	1874	" " "	1917	*William H. Emerson
1832	*Robert Lash	1875	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	1918	William J. Bolton
1833	*Edward A. Raymond	1876	" " " "	1919	*Everett C. Benton
1834	" " "	1877	*John Dean	1920	Harry G. Pollard
1835	*Abraham A. Dame	1878	" "	1921	*Henry C. Dexter
1836	" " "	1879	*Nelson W. Aldrich	1922	*James S. Blake
1837	*John Hews	1880	*William H. Kent	1923	Charles R. Hunt
1838	" "	1881	" " "	1924	*Asa C. Jewett
1839	*Charles W. Moore	1882	*Caleb Saunders	1925	Clarence M. Dunbar
1840	" " "	1883	" "	1926	James A. Gunn
1841	" " "	1884	*Charles C. Hutchinson	1927	Norris G. Abbott
1842	*John Flint	1885	*George H. Burnham	1928	Clarence E. Burleigh
1843	" "	1886	*Edward P. Chapin	1929	Charles F. White
1844	" "	1887	*George H. Allen	1930	Frederick H. Briggs
1845	*John B. Hammatt	1888	*Edward L. Freeman	1931	Benjamin F. Downing
1846	" " "	1889	*James Swords	1932	George L. Dodd
1847	*Ruel Baker	1890	*John P. Sanborn	1933	William S. Hamilton
				1934	Arthur S. Vaughn
				1935	Harold W. Sprague

*Died

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Time of Meeting Monthly	Date of Annual Conclave
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Monday	1st Mon. Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 14, 1814	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 24, 1826	1st Monday	1st Mon. June
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday	4th Wed. Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Sept. 25, 1849	3d Friday	3d Fri. Sept.
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wednesday	4th Wed. Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. June
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Oct.
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3d Tuesday	3d Tues. Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	Nov. 19, 1863	2d Tuesday	2d Tues. June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Monday	Last Mon. June
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. June
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Feb. 14, 1866	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3d Monday	3d Mon. Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday	2d Mon. Oct.
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 28, 1868	1st Tuesday	1st Tues. June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday	2d Tues. June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	Oct. 30, 1868	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday	1st Mon. June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	Sept. 26, 1870	1st Wednesday	1st Wed. Oct.
William Parkman	28	E. Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday	2d Thurs. Sept.
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Friday	1st Fri.Sept.after 1st Monday
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	May 12, 1871	2d Monday	2d Mon. June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thursday	4th Thurs. June
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 8, 1871	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. June
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2d Monday	2d Mon. June
Coeur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday	3d Tues. Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tuesday	4th Tues. June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wednesday	1st Wed. Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Sept.
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3d Monday	3d Mon. Sept.
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thursday	4th Thurs. Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2d Friday	2d Fri. Sept.
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tuesday	4th Tues. June
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2d Monday	2d Mon. Oct.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Friday	Last Fri. June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Nov. 27, 1911	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Jan. 29, 1920	2d Thursday	2d Thurs. June
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3d Monday	3d Mon. Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1921	2d Monday	2d Mon. Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Providence, R. I.	Sept. 28, 1921	3d Friday	3d Fri. Oct.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	Nov. 20, 1922	3d Monday	3d Mon. June
Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924	1st Tuesday	1st Tues. June

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
		Alabama	E.·.Sir Harry J. Kenworthy	Dedham, Mass.
Eugene C. Pichard	Bisbee	Arizona	E.·.Sir Harry H. Wardle	Woonsocket, R. I.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E.·.Sir Arthur W. Coombs	Malden, Mass.
Albert E. Boynton	San Francisco	California	R.·.E.·.Sir Clarence E. Burleigh	Pasadena, Calif.
Stanley C. Warner	Denver	Colorado	R.·.E.·.Sir Charles R. Hunt	New Bedford, Mass.
Frank E. Sands	Meriden	Connecticut	E.·.Sir J. Irving Shepley	Newport, R. I.
Gratz E. Dunkum	Washington	District of Columbia	E.·.Sir Ivor P. Muzzey	Orange, Mass.
John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	V.·.E.·.Sir Charles T. Converse	Springfield, Mass.
Joseph K. Orr	Atlanta	Georgia	E.·.Sir Dean K. Webster	Lawrence, Mass.
Byron E. Hyatt	Boise	Idaho	E.·.Sir H. Alton Rourk	Waltham, Mass.
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Joseph H. Gilbert	Clarksdale	Mississippi	E.·.Sir Charles J. Whelden	Providence, R. I.
Lynn J. Limes	Trenton	Missouri	R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
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Roxlance C. Humes	New York	New York	R.·.E.·.Sir James A. Gunn	Turners Falls, Mass.
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Paul Griffith	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E.·.Sir N. Arthur Hyland	Providence, R. I.
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Glen Jeffries	Knoxville	Tennessee	E.·.Sir Royal C. Wells	Gloucester, Mass.
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F. C. Richmond	Salt Lake City	Utah	E.·.Sir Charles A. Harrington	Worcester, Mass.
George M. Clay	Brattleboro	Vermont	E.·.Sir Frederic W. Faunce	Chelsea, Mass.
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William R. Graves	Vancouver	Washington	R.·.E.·.Sir Harold W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
Harold H. Oakley	Logan	West Virginia	E.·.Sir Arthur N. Nash	Westerly, R. I.
Herbert N. Laffin	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	R.·.E.·.Sir William W. Johnson	Boston, Mass.
Carl P. Taylor	Casper	Wyoming	E.·.Sir Frank S. Whitney	Pittsfield, Mass.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Candidates at $5.00	Per Capita at .50 cents Plus Fee	Total
St. John's	1	1,268	1,216	7	..	..	16	16	.....	27	7	1,216	$643.00
Boston	2	1,253	1,196	5	..	..	27	...	.....	35	5	1,196	623.00
Newburyport	3	242	240	5	..	..	3	...	.....	4	5	240	145.00
Washington	4	254	244	1	..	..	5	1	.....	5	1	244	127.00
Worcester County	5	732	712	8	1	..	9	2	.....	18	8	712	396.00
Springfield	6	873	829	1	2	2	20	8	.....	21	1	829	419.50
De Molay	7	924	838	3	..	..	51	16	.....	22	3	838	434.00
Holy Sepulchre	8	661	640	..	..	..	4	...	.....	17	....	640	320.00
Pilgrim	9	551	509	1	..	1	17	16	.....	11	1	509	259.50
Palestine	10	255	237	1	..	..	4	12	.....	3	1	237	123.50
Milford	11	192	175	2	..	..	6	8	Error 2	3	2	175	97.50
St. Bernard	12	87	83	..	..	..	1	1	.....	2	....	83	41.50
Calvary	13	1,213	1,173	2	..	..	17	...	.....	25	2	1,173	596.50
Haverhill	14	395	390	6	..	..	1	...	.....	10	6	390	225.00
Old Colony	15	221	211	..	..	..	4	1	.....	5	....	211	105.50
Sutton	16	493	467	..	..	..	10	...	.....	16	....	467	233.50
Bethany	17	238	208	2	..	..	24	1	.....	7	2	208	114.00
Winslow Lewis	18	233	224	2	1	..	6	...	.....	6	2	224	122.00
Jerusalem	19	341	332	3	..	..	3	...	.....	9	3	332	181.00
Hugh de Payens	20	542	495	5	..	1	25	12	.....	16	5	495	272.50
St. Omer	21	568	521	..	..	..	14	24	.....	9	....	521	260.50
Berkshire	22	342	309	1	..	2	10	17	.....	9	1	309	159.50
Connecticut Valley	23	209	200	7	1	..	6	6	.....	5	7	200	135.00
Woonsocket	24	303	281	1	..	..	6	10	.....	7	1	281	145.50
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	236	228	..	..	1	6	...	.....	3	....	228	114.00
Joseph Warren	26	501	450	..	..	..	8	30	.....	13	....	450	225.00
Narragansett	27	246	239	..	1	..	2	...	.....	6	....	239	119.50
William Parkman	28	182	170	..	..	2	5	3	.....	6	....	170	85.00
Bristol	29	313	296	..	..	..	13	1	.....	3	....	296	148.00
Northampton	30	211	201	1	..	..	6	1	.....	4	1	201	105.50
South Shore	31	228	217	3	..	..	6	1	.....	7	3	217	123.50
Trinity	32	284	270	..	1	..	7	1	.....	7	....	270	135.00
Natick	33	185	176	2	1	..	4	...	.....	8	2	176	98.00
Coeur de Lion	34	545	494	..	1	..	10	22	.....	20	....	494	247.00
Gethsemane	35	381	348	2	1	..	16	10	.....	10	2	348	184.00
Olivet	36	504	490	3	..	..	2	1	.....	14	3	490	260.00
Athol	37	196	191	2	..	..	4	...	.....	3	2	191	105.50
Bay State	38	602	572	4	..	..	10	14	.....	10	4	572	306.00
Cyprus	39	270	259	..	..	..	3	...	.....	8	....	259	129.50
St. Paul	40	196	190	1	..	..	5	...	.....	2	1	190	100.00
Beauseant	41	512	466	1	..	1	16	20	.....	12	1	466	238.00
Cambridge	42	307	303	..	..	7	...	...	.....	11	....	303	151.50
Bethlehem	43	168	165	..	..	..	1	...	.....	2	....	165	82.50
St. George	44	130	124	..	..	..	1	...	.....	5	....	124	62.00
Orange	45	120	108	..	..	..	3	6	.....	3	....	108	54.00
Ivanhoe	46	176	164	1	..	..	9	...	.....	4	1	164	87.00
Quincy	47	389	363	4	..	1	16	9	.....	6	4	363	201.50
Temple	48	172	162	3	..	..	1	8	.....	4	3	162	96.00
St. Andrew	49	134	130	..	..	..	2	...	.....	2	....	130	65.00
Reading	50	182	176	1	..	..	3	...	.....	4	1	176	93.00
Thomas Smith Webb	51	240	230	..	..	..	5	...	.....	5	..	230	115.00
Sir Galahad	52	199	192	1	..	..	3	...	.....	5	1	192	101.00
Winthrop	53	118	114	..	1	..	1	...	.....	4	....	114	57.00
Total	..	20,317	19,218	92	11	18	457	278	2	483	92	19,218	$10,069.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR REVIEW

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By Rt. Em. Sir James A. Gunn, Reviewer

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

I herewith submit my ninth Review of the Templar Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions:

Alabama	1935	Nebraska	1935
Arizona	1935	Nevada	1935
Arkansas	1935	New Hampshire	1934
California	1935	New Jersey	1935
Canada	1934	New Mexico	1935
Colorado	1934	New York	1935
Connecticut	1935	North Dakota	1935
Dist. of Columbia	1935	Ohio	1934
Florida	1935	Oklahoma	1935
Georgia	1935	Oregon	1934
Illinois	1935	Oregon	1935
Indiana	1935	Pennsylvania	1935
Iowa	1935	South Carolina	1935
Kansas	1935	South Dakota	1935
Kentucky	1935	Tennessee	1935
Louisiana	1935	Texas	1935
Maine	1935	Vermont	1935
Maryland	1935	Virginia	1935
Michigan	1935	Washington	1935
Minnesota	1934	West Virginia	1935
Mississippi	1935	Wisconsin	1934
Missouri	1935	Wyoming	1935
Montana	1934		

We regret that the Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions have not been received:

Idaho	1935	North Carolina	1935
		Utah	1935

Alabama, 1935

The Seventy-Fifth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was held in the city of Montgomery, April 24, 1935, with Grand Commander William D. Hawkins, presiding.

Six dispensations were granted and none refused. One decision was rendered regarding application for the Orders. The Grand Commander arrested the charters of two Commanderies for failure to make reports at the proper time.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $13,298.01; disbursements $4,362.85; leaving a balance on hand of $8,935.16.

Grand Recorder Smith reports a total membership of 3121, net loss for the year 195. Suspensions and demits total 364.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $485.00 during the year and has a balance on hand available for use of $6,691.25. Only about 60% of the usual number of applications for loans were received, and in most cases, the applicants were ineligible for reasons established by the Committee.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama will be held in the city of Mobile, April 22, 1936.

Arizona, 1935

The Forty-Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona was convened in the city of Prescott, March 11, 1935, with Grand Commander, Virgil R. Malott, presiding.

No dispensations were granted and none refused. One decision was rendered in accordance with Templar law and practice. Under the heading of Condition of the Order, the Grand Commander presents some splendid ideas and we regret that space prevents our quoting.

Grand Treasurer Sawyer reports receipts with balance on hand of $4,-045.86; disbursements $1,691.14; leaving a balance on hand of $2,354.72 which includes all their Funds.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made three loans during 1934–35 amounting to $600.00. Balance on hand $456.02. Repayments during this period amount to $748.00.

By vote of Grand Commandery the minimum fee for the Orders has been reduced from $75.00 to $40.00.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Phoenix, March 9, 1936.

Arkansas, 1935

The Sixty-Third Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Little Rock, May 21, 1935, with Grand Commander R. E. Spillman, presiding.

Four dispensations were granted and one refused. No decisions were rendered. On February 18, the Grand Commander ordered Eminent Sir Reinhart to go to Clarksville and take up the Charter and other property belonging to the Commandery.

Grand Recorder Arthur C. Becker reports a total membership of 1,444, net loss for the year 52. Suspensions and demits total 178.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $3,811.31; disbursements $2,274.59; leaving a balance on hand of $1,536.72; Triennial Fund $125.58.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 13 loans during the period amounting to $2,175.00. Balance on hand $4,165.13.

Repayments on principal during the year amounted to $3,009.95 plus interest of $664.91.

The next Annual Conclave of Arkansas will be held in the city of Pine Bluff, May 19, 1936.

California, 1935

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Conclave of California was convened in the city of Pasadena, April 11, 1935, with Grand Commander, C. Stanley Chapman, presiding.

Fifty dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Chapman has enjoyed a very busy year as evidenced by hir report and is to be congratulated.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 11,892, net loss for the year 571. Suspensions and demits total 584.

Grand Treasurer Knights reports receipts with balance on hand of $44,596.03; disbursements $23,551.89; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $21,044.14; Invested Funds $15,591.94.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $7,285.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $68,847.64. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $13,238.48. Interest received $2,603.35.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Sacramento, April 23, 1936.

Canada, 1934

The Fifty-first Annual Assembly of the Great Priory of Canada was convened in the city of Toronto, August 7–8, 1934, with Supreme Grand Master, C. W. Haentschel, presiding.

Forty-two dispensations were granted and one refused. No decisions were rendered. The Grand Master is disturbed because their Orphan's Fund is not growing so rapidly as he thinks it should, but economic conditions are rightly blamed for this. They now have $27,933.00 invested in this fund.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Chancellor we find a total membership in the Great Priory of 10,206, net loss for the year 766. Suspensions and demits total 654. Knighted 99.

Grand Treasurer Diamond reports receipts with balance on hand of $22,761.08; disbursements $12,260.45; leaving a balance on hand of $10,-500.00; Invested Funds $68,050.00.

Upon recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee the Past Grand Masters were authorized to complete the revision of the Statutes with full power to have them printed and distributed.

V∴E∴Knight, R. V. Harris, K.C., submits a well written Report on Templar Review occupying 64 pages of the Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in three pages.

Colorado, 1934

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Denver, September 21, 1934, with Grand Commander Edwin H. Snyder, presiding.

No dispensations were either asked or refused. Several requests for minor decisions, were handled by reference to the Statutes. Right Eminent Sir Snyder made a number of official visits and evidently enjoyed a busy year.

Grand Treasurer Vallery, reports receipts with balance on hand of $6,-891.38; disbursements $6,112.23; leaving a balance on hand of 779.15; Invested Funds $3,000.00; Triennial Fund $2,367.13.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Colorado of 3,808, net loss for the year 197. Suspensions and demits total 153.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $450.00 to seven students and has a balance on hand of $8,356.72. Repayments on principal and interest during the year aggregate $8,916.52.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Denver, September 20, 1935.

Connecticut, 1935

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Norwalk, May 7, 1935, with Grand Commander Horace M. N. Sigman, presiding. Among the distinguished guests present at the Conclave we find the name of Grand Commander Vaughn, V. Eminent Sir Spragne, Eminent Sir Converse, and Right Eminent Sir Hamilton, of our Jurisdiction.

Ten dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Sigman has made a great number of official visits and is to be congratulated upon his service and efficiency.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $8,716.80; disbursements $5,937.25; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,779.55; Invested Funds $21,551.08

Grand Recorder Barber reports a total membership of 5,427, net loss for the year 328. Suspensions and demits total 214.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 26 loans during the year amounting to $5,900.00. Balance on hand $4,462.10. Twenty borrowers having loans amounting to $13,800.00 have paid nothing on the principal.

Eminent Sir William L. Cort presents a well prepared Report on Templar Review, occupying 50 pages of the Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of Connecticut will be held in the city of Danbury, May 5, 1936.

District of Columbia, 1935

The Fortieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Washington, May 13, 1935, with Grand Commander, Roland M. Brown, presiding.

Four dispensations were granted and none refused. Two minor decisions were rendered of local interest only. Right Eminent Sir Brown is pleased at the Improved conditions in his Commanderies, both financial and from the standpoint of more petitions for the Orders.

Grand Treasurer Gibson reports receipts with balance on hand of $9,036.09; disbursements $3,370.15; leaving a balance on hand of $5,665.94 which is a gain of $900.00 over the preceeding year. Triennial Fund $628.71.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 2,343, net loss for the year 139. Suspensions and demits total 169.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $1,756.00 during the period and has a balance on hand of $4,230.52. Repayments on principal including interest amount to $2,554.52.

Eminent Sir James A. West presents his usual well prepared Report on Templar Reviews in which our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Washington, Monday, May 11, 1936.

Florida, 1935

The Forty-First Annual Conclave of Florida was convened in the city of Ocala, May 8–9, 1935, with Grand Commander, Bradford C. Webb, presiding.

Five dispensations were granted and one refused. No decisions were rendered. On recommendation of Right Eminent Sir Webb, it was voted to appoint a Committee to raise the Statutes of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Recorder Cary B. Fish, reports a total membership in Florida of 2,609, net loss for the year 187. Suspensions and demits total 275.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer, we find receipts with balance on hand of $7,191.30; disbursements $3,509.87; leaving a balance on hand, in the General Fund, of $3,681.43; Triennial Fund $968.95.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made nine loans during the year, aggregating $1,750.00. Balance on hand available for use $773.19. Total principal repayments from students this year amount to $2,194.75.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Marianna at a date to be fixed later, after Conference with the heads of other Grand bodies.

Georgia, 1935

The Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia was convened in the city of Thomasville, May 8, 1935, with Grand Commander William J. Penn Jr., presiding.

Four dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered, but the Grand Commander received a number of requests for interpretation of Templar law. He urges all of the officers to study the new Constitution and Statutes, as there were many important changes made at the 39th Triennial.

Grand Recorder Charles S. Wood reports a total membership in Georgia of 3,264, net loss for the year 323. Suspensions and demits total 401. His complete report is one of the best we have read this year.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $22,332.23; disbursements $6,540.68; leaving a balance on hand of $15,791.55; Triennial Fund $143.78.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $3,300.00 during the year and has a balance on hand available for use of $6,156.82. Repayments during the past year amount to $3,509.83.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Savannah, May 13–14, 1936.

Illinois, 1935

The Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was convened in the City of Peoria, September 13, 1935 with Grand Commander Carl R. Malmberg presiding. We extend our congratulations to Illinois on their promptness in compiling their Proceedings as our copy reached us on October 1st.

One hundred and thirty-nine dispensations were granted and a few were refused. No decisions were rendered. Under the heading of Suspensions, R ∴ E ∴ Sir Malmberg says, "Again, it seems as though the Commanderies do not wish to pay per Capita for the needy and worthy Sir Knights, and prefer to drop them rather than render the assistance the Order requires".

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $69,406.32; disbursements $47,761.16; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $21,645.16, which is a gain of nearly $6,000.00 over the previous year. Invested funds $67,150.00. We congratulate Illinois upon their strong financial position.

Grand Recorder Glad reports a total membership in the State of 24,601. Net loss for the year 2,694. Suspensions and demits total 2,456 which seems a somewhat heavy percentage.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $8,723.50 during the year and have a balance on hand of $28,130.38. Repayments and interest during this period amount to $44,711.45.

On motion of Past Grand Commander Wade, it was voted to increase the Grand Commander's Allowance from $2,000.00 to $2,500.00, payable in monthly installments.

The Report on Templar Review is from the pen of Past Grand Commander Henry R. Lundblad and is a splendid document occupying 106 pages. Our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in five pages.

Indiana, 1935

The Eighty-first Annual Conclave of Indiana was convened in the city of Indianapolis, May 8, 1935, with Grand Commander, Ray D. Smiley, presiding.

Twenty-two dispensations were granted and two refused. No decisions were rendered but several requests for same were answered by reference to the Statutes. Right Eminent Sir Smiley has made 52 visits to his Commanderies this year and is pleased to see the general improvement in morale.

Grand Recorder Swintz reports a total membership in the State of 9,657, net loss for the year 614. Suspensions and demits total 591.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $20,423.88; disbursements $12,960.76; leaving a balance on hand of $7,463.12; Invested Funds $37,620.00.

The Educational Foundation committee has loaned $3,315.00 during the past year and has a balance on hand, including bonds, of $38,682.70.

We note with regret the passing of Past Grand Commander Eugene Vatet, whose brother is a close friend of your Reviewer.

Eminent Sir Robert A. Woods submits his 22nd consecutive Report on Templar Review which is up to his usual high standard. Our Jurisidction is courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Indianapolis, May 2, 1936.

Iowa, 1935

The Seventy-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa was convened at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, June 25, 1935 with Grand Commander Henry B. Lewis, presiding.

Nineteen dispensations were granted and several refused. A number of decisions were rendered, caused by the adoption of the new code by the Grand Encampment. Right Eminent Sir Lewis has made a number of official visits and has evidently had a busy year as Grand Commander.

Grand Treasurer Becker reports receipts with balance on hand of $14,-846.49; disbursements $9,034.88; leaving a balance on hand of $5,811.61. Grand Charity Fund $9,131.49.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Iowa of 7,659, net loss for the year 712. Suspensions and demits total 703. Knighted 86.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made loans aggregating $7,125.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $13,833.35. Repayments on principal and interest during this period total $13,762.71

Right Eminent Sir Charles C. Clark submits a splendid Report on Templar Review occupying 108 pages of the Proceedings. Mass. and R. I. is thoroughly reviewed in three pages and we thank him for his courteous treatment. Our limited space forbids reciprocation.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held at Templar Park, beginning June 23, 1936.

Kansas, 1935

The Sixty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas was convened in the city of Iola, May 14, 1935 with Grand Commander Jay B. Kirk, presiding.

Nine dispensations were granted and several refused for good reasons. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Kirk presents a well written report of his year's work and is naturally disturbed at their continual loss of membership.

Grand Treasurer McCullagh reports total receipts from all Funds $36,-921.25; paid out of all Funds $19,743.95; leaving a balance on hand of $17,177.30. Of this amount $10,000.00 is in invested funds.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 8,727, net loss for the year 701. Suspensions and demits total 588.

The report of the Educational Foundation Committee is not printed in the Proceedings and we cannot find how much was loaned during the year. They have a balance available for loans of $22,255.48.

Grand Recorder Strain submits a brief report on Templar Review in which Mass. and R. I. receives courteous mention.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be convened in the city of Independence, May 12, 1936.

Kentucky, 1935

The Eighty-eighth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the City of Winchester, May 15, 1935, with Grand Commander Malcolm D. Royse presiding.

R.∴E.∴Sir Royse presents a short Annual Report from which we glean that no dispensations were granted or decisions rendered. He made a few recommendations of local interest only.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $12,807.64; disbursements $6,883.08; leaving a balance on hand of $5,924.56; Triennial Funds $3,028.22.

Grand Recorder W. H. Woods reports a total membership in Kentucky of 4,800. Net loss for the year 473. Suspensions and demits total 468.

The Educational Committee has made twenty-three loans during the year amounting to $3,775.00. Balance on hand $10,859.26. Repayments on principal and interest during the period amount to $12,274.81. Worthless loans taken off collection list during the year aggregate $4,896.50, which seems a very heavy percentage of loss.

Ninety one pages of the Proceedings are devoted to rosters of the Constituent Commanderies. In these days of cutting down expense, this seems like a good place to begin.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky will be held in the city of Paris, on the third Wednesday in May, 1936.

Louisiana, 1935

The Seventy-second Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction was convened in the city of New Orleans, February 7, 1935, with Grand Commander Samuel Haas, presiding.

One dispensation was granted, and none refused. Three decisions of a minor nature were rendered. The Grand Commander reports that St. Omer Commandery consolidated with Payen Commandery during the year, but that this was done without his knowledge or of the Grand Recorder.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $8,546.89; disbursements $3,993.29; leaving a balance on hand of $4,553.60; total Assets of General Fund $10,102.04.

Grand Recorder Davis reports a total membership of 1,607, net loss for the year 227. Suspensions and demits total 245. Constituent Commanderies owe the Grand Commandery the sum of $1,498.00 in unpaid dues for 1932–33 and 1934.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 7 loans during the year amounting to $975.00 and has a balance on hand of $3,128.16. Repayments for the same period aggregate $3,358.89.

Right Eminent Sir Albert B. Davis presents a 70-page Report on Templar Review covering all the Grand Jurisdictions in his usual efficient manner.

The next Annual Conclave of Louisiana will be held in the city of New Orleans, February 6, 1936.

Maine, 1935

The Eighty-fourth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Portland, May 9, 1935, with Grand Commander Charles W. Vigue, presiding. Among the distinguished guests present we note the names of Right Eminent Sir Harry G. Pollard and Right Eminent Sir White of our Jurisdiction.

Twelve dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. A certificate of Charter was issued to Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, at Ellsworth. Right Eminent Sir Vigue feels that greater effort should be made to collect dues during the year that they accrue.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $30,747.14; disbursements $18,495.26; leaving a balance on hand of $12,251.88; Triennial Fund (in closed banks) $4,988.25.

Sir Knight Arthur J. Floyd reports a total membership in Maine of 6,846, net loss for the year 630. Suspensions and demits total 530.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 39 loans aggregating $6,300.00 and has a balance on hand of $15,410.72. Loans now outstanding $84,287.14.

Grand Recorder Leach submits a very comprehensive Report on Templar Review occupying 64 pages of the Volume. Our Jurisdiction is efficiently treated in one page and we thank him for his courteous reference to your Scribe.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Portland, May 7, 1936.

Maryland, 1935

The Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland was convened in the City of Baltimore, May 22, 1935 with Grand Commander Alfred E. B. Jones presiding.

Four Dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. R∴E∴Sir Jones reports an increase in the number Knighted this year, but this increase was more than offset by the number of deaths and suspensions.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $14,898.57; disbursements $5,134.84; leaving a balance on hand of $9,763.73.

Grand Recorder Eitel reports a total membership in Maryland of 3,804. Net loss for year 206. Suspensions and demits total 187.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $4,669.00 during the past year and have a balance on hand of $8,686.73. Repayments on principal and interest during this period amount to $6,327.41.

E∴Sir Howard M. Emmons submits a well prepared Report on Templar Review occupying fifty-two pages of the Proceedings. Our jurisdiction is courteously treated in two pages and we thank him for his kindly reference to our own efforts as Scribe. In his foreward he says; "Isn't it the logical thing for us to put our house in order and prepare for better times, yes, to create them by improved and business like methods?"

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the City of Baltimore, May 20, 1936.

Michigan, 1935

The Seventy-ninth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the City of Flint, June 3, 1935 with Grand Commander Floyd A. Roberts presiding. We are pleased to note that our own R∴E∴Sir Harry G. Pollard was the Personal Representative of the Grand Master at this Conclave.

Thirty-four dispensations were granted and two refused. No decisions were rendered. R∴E∴Sir Roberts is pleased at the increased interest shown in the Official Inspections throughout the State. At one Inspection, twenty-three Commanderies were represented which is surely a noteworthy reflection of Templar interest.

Grand Recorder Conover reports a total membership in Michigan of 11,407. Net loss for the year 994. Suspensions and demits total 721. He reports a better condition among the Commanderies, a better collection of dues and less delinquents.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $20,171.54; disbursements $14,004.88; leaving a balance on hand of $6,166.66; Invested Funds $36,064.31.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $8,904.71 during the fiscal year and have a balance on hand of $18,544.92. Principal payments and interest received during the period amount to $20,165.31.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan will be held in Traverse City, June 2, 1936.

Minnesota, 1934

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Rochester, September 12, 1934, with Deputy Grand Commander, Chauncy C. Colton, presiding in the absence of the Grand Commander.

Twenty dispensations were granted and two refused. Several requests for decisions were answered by reference to the Statutes. Right Eminent Sir Eaton has suffered from ill health during the year but submits a very fine report.

From statistics furnished by the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 6,465, net loss for the year 328. Suspensions and demits total 300.

The Finance Committee report receipts with balance on hand of $15,116.80; disbursements, $13,967.43; leaving a balance on hand of $1,199.43; Invested Funds, $14,100.00.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $4,490.00 during the past year and has a balance on hand of $3,767.56. Repayments on principal and interest total $7,201.92. The Committee has adopted a new requirement whereby the borrower must have some financially responsible party as joint signer on the note.

This Jurisdiction will hold its next Annual Conclave in the city of Duluth, September 11–12, 1935.

Mississippi, 1935

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Meridian, April 28, 1935, with Grand Commander Karl Brittain, presiding.

Three dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Several recommendations were made by the Grand Commander, but these are of local interest only.

The Grand Treasurer submits the shortest Report we have ever seen. He merely states they have cash on hand of $4,756,17 and Invested Funds of $7,077.28.

Grand Recorder Faucette reports a total membership of 1,596, net gain for the year 32. We extend our sincere congratulations to the Grand Commandery of Mississippi in showing this increase at a time when the rest of us are still in the red.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $294.00 during the year and has received repayments on principal during the year $3,042.06. Balance on hand $5,805.71.

Eminent Sir Horace L. Villee submits a short Report on Templar Review. The 1934 Proceedings of Mass. and R. I. were not received in time to be included.

Missouri, 1935

The Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri was convened in the city of Excelsior Springs, May 21–22, 1935 with Grand Commander, Alexander S. Rankin, presiding.

Seven dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Rankin says in part; "At no time in its splendid history has this institution (Templary) been more needed than today when the high and holy ideals it teaches are being forgotten and debased."

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $30,160.98; disbursements $21,325.74; leaving a balance on hand of $8,835.24; Invested Funds $55,000.00

Grand Recorder, Ray V. Denslow reports a total membership in Missouri of 9,853, net loss for the year 1,012. Suspensions and demits total 983. Knighted 59.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 60 loans during the year amounting to $5,570.00. Balance on hand $3,418.96 plus Government bonds of $80,500.00. Repayments on principal during this period total $38,325.38 plus interest of $3,862.02.

Eminent Sir Denslow presents his usual high type Report on Templar Review in which our Jurisdiction is efficiently and courteously treated. His views of the appointment of a Grand Encampment Reviewer, coincide with our own.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Columbia, May 19, 1936.

Montana, 1934

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave of Montana was convened in the city of Helena, June 3, 1934, with Grand Commander Harlon L. Hart, presiding.

Three dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Several recommendations were submitted by Right Eminent Sir Hart, but these are of local interest.

Grand Treasurer Harrison reports receipts with balance on hand of $14,907.62; disbursements $6,945.86; leaving a balance on hand of $7,961.76; Triennial Fund $1,323.44.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 1,915, net loss for the year 108. Suspensions and demits total 92.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $6,695.00 during the year to 16 girls and 27 boys. Repayments during the same period amounted to $3,701.99. Balance on hand available for use by the Committee $1,627.08.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Havre, May 15–16, 1935.

Nebraska, 1935

The Sixty-third Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Omaha, April 18, 1935, with Grand Commander John T. Dysart, presiding.

Six dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Dysart speaks very highly of the work of Inspector-Instructor Kerr and his efficient corps of assistants. Most of the visitations were complete Inspections, but a few were more in the nature of instruction, as the occasion demanded.

Grand Treasurer Whitmore reports receipts with balance on hand of $23,361.09; disbursements $17,809.87; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $5,551.22 which is a slight gain over the previous year; Invested Funds $6,927.50.

Grand Recorder, Lewis E. Smith, reports a total membership in Nebraska of 3,066, net loss for the year 292. Suspensions and demits total 234. Knighted 23.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $2,150.00 during the past year and has a balance on hand of $3,233.94. Repayments on principal during this period total $3,978.61. The Committee has made from its organization to the end of this fiscal year, 358 loans of which 75 have been repaid. So far it has been necessary to charge off one loan. We congratulate Nebraska upon this fine record.

Right Eminent Sir Charles H. Marley submits a 23-page Report on Templar Review in which Mass. and R. I. is treated in courteous fashion. His reviews are condensed like our own, but contain worthwhile information.

The next Annual Conclave of Nebraska will be held during April 1936, at a place to be announced later.

Nevada, 1935

The Seventeenth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Elko, June 10, 1935, with Grand Commander William F. Robinson, presiding.

One dispensation was granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. Very little business was transacted at this Conclave.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts with Balance on hand of $1,789.71; disbursements $1,344.49; leaving a balance on hand of $445.22. This is about $600.00 less than a year ago.

Grand Recorder Beemer reports a total membership in Nevada of 304, net loss for the year 33. Suspensions and demits total 30.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $500.00 during the year to four students. Balance on hand available for use $1,328.60.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Reno, June 8, 1936.

New Hampshire, 1934

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire was convened in the city of Nashua, October 2, 1934, with Grand Commander, William P. Niles, presiding. Among the distinguished guests present at the Conclave we note the names of Right Eminent Sir Hamilton and Right Eminent Sir White of our Jurisdiction.

Grand Commander Niles granted five dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He traveled to the San Francisco Triennial with our delegation from Mass. and R. I., and his untiring courtesy and consideration of others, has made him many friends in this Jurisdiction.

Grand Treasurer Rice reports receipts with balance on hand of $7,269.07; disbursements $2,523.98; leaving a balance on hand of $4,745.09.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in New Hampshire of 2,443, net loss for the year 185. Suspensions and demits total 127.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $1,900.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $2,311.84. Repayments of principal and interest during this period amount to $2,220.29.

Grand Recorder Cheney submits a 49-page Report on Templar Review in which our Jurisdiction received 2 pages of courteous attention.

New Jersey, 1935

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Trenton, March 8, 1935 with Grand Commander Reno A. Pierce, presiding. We are pleased to note the presence at this Conclave of Grand Commander Vaughn and Right Eminent Sir Hamilton of Mass. and R. I.

Sixteen dispensations were granted and two refused. Two decisions were rendered by reference to the Statutes. A special Conclave was held in October for the purpose of installing Right Eminent Sir. C. Byron Lear as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment. Right Eminent Sir Pollard of Mass. and R. I. was the installing officer.

Grand Recorder West reports a total membership of 5,515, net loss for the year 417., Suspensions and demits total 345. Knighted 28.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $26,970.17; disbursements $17,977.65; leaving a balance on hand of $8,992.52.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $2,100.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $1,298.12. Repayments of principal and interest during this period total $11,990.40.

Eminent Sir George W. Kite presents his first Report on Templar Review occupying 45 pages of the Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is courteously reviewed in one page.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Newark, March 6, 1936.

New Mexico, 1935

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Clovis, March 22, 1935, with Grand Commander, Lloyd B. Johnson, presiding.

Five dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. After careful consideration the Grand Commander arrested the Charter of Mescalero Commandery for good and sufficient reasons. He feels that a renewed interest and more optimistic spirit now pervades the Commanderies in the Jurisdiction.

Grand Treasurer Paul reports receipts with balance on hand of $3,496.26; disbursements $1,583.84; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $1,912.42; Triennial Fund $427.84; Masonic Home Fund $5,313.96.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 994, net loss for the year 3. Suspensions and demits total 94. It is interesting to note that 81 were Knighted in this small Jurisdiction during the past year.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $1,250.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $846.44. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $1,503.00

The next Annual Conclave of New Mexico will be held in the city of Albuquerque, March 20, 1936.

New York, 1935

The One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York was convened in the City of Yonkers, June 10, 1935 with Grand Commander Walter A. DeLamater presiding. Among the distinguished guests we note the presence of Grand Commander Vaughn, Past Grand Commander Hamilton and Eminent Sir Wheldon of our Jurisdiction.

Sixty-five dispensations were granted and several requests refused. One decision was rendered and several questions relating to jurisprudence answered. R∴E∴Sir DeLamater submits a very fine report of his years work and needless to say has been very active.

Grand Recorder, John B. Mullan, reports a total membership in New York of 24,276. Net loss for the year 2,797. Suspensions and demits total 2,292. Per Cent of loss 10% plus.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $54,809.85; disbursements $26,782.26; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $28,027.59; Triennial Fund $5,938.78; Permanent Fund $99,101.68; Contingent Fund $11,019.92. We must pause here to congratulate the Empire State upon their strong financial position in spite of economic conditions.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $15,375.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $120,706.86. Repayments on principal and interest during this period aggregate $51,883.51.

R∴E∴Sir Mullan has been obliged to curtail his Report on Templar Review, but he covers the essentials in 41 pages. We can sympathize with each other on the limited space allowed us.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the City of Buffalo, June 8, 1936.

North Dakota, 1935

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened at Devils Lake, May 27, 1935 with Grand Commander Blanding Fisher presiding.

One dispensation was granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered. R∴E∴Sir Fisher attended all the Schools of Instruction during the year and feels satisfied that these Schools bring results well worth while.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $3,447.85; disbursements $1,670.18; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $1,777.67; Inspection Fund $182.76.

Grand Recorder, Walter L. Stockwell, presents his usual fine Report from which we find a total membership in the State of 1,477. Net loss for the year 114. Suspensions and demits are not reported.

The Educational Foundation Committee report a total of twenty-seven loans made during the year aggregating $2,439.59. Balance on hand $3,311.38. Repayments during the period have been encouraging but not up to what the Committee expected.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the City of Jamestown, May 18–19, 1936.

Ohio, 1934

The Ninety-second Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Lima, October 10–11, 1934, with Grand Commander, Riley W. Wortman, presiding. As usual in this Jurisdiction, the Conclave opened with a splendid parade and many social features.

Fifteen dispensations were granted and four refused. Six minor decisions were rendered of local interest only. Right Eminent Sir Wortman has made a great many official visits and submits a very fine report of the year's work.

Grand Treasurer, Charles F. Henry, reports receipts with balance on hand of $69,978.79; disbursements $37,082.51; leaving a balance on hand of $30,896.28; Invested Funds $42,000.00

From the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Schaefer, we find a total membership in Ohio of 26,878, net loss for the year 1,778. Suspensions and demits total 1,448. Knighted 167.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $16,400.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $40,018.09. Regarding repayments they say; "We cannot help wondering if education is failing to instill into the minds of the young men and women, a full realization of the financial obligations incurred in making these loans based on honor. Or, has the spirit of the present times, a feeling that the world owes them a living and to get all they can without any moral obligation to repay, overcome what they should have learned in this matter during their course in the colleges." Repayments during this period amount to $28,208.88.

Right Eminent Sir William B. Baldwin submits his usual splendid Report on Templar Review which is one of the best. Mass. and R. I. is thoroughly reviewed in three pages and we thank him for his courtesy.

The next Annual Conclave of Ohio will be held in the city of Youngstown, October 9–10, 1935.

Oklahoma, 1935

The Fortieth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Blackwell, May 21, 1935, with Grand Commander Robert H. Phinney, presiding.

Eleven dispensations were granted and two refused. Several minor decisions were rendered. On December, 1934, Chickasaw Commandery consolidated with Norman Commandery. Right Eminent Sir Phinney suggests that several other consolidations should be made.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $9,470.75; disbursements $5,834.70; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $3,636.05; Triennial Fund $516.17.

Grand Recorder Lathim reports a total membership in Oklahoma of 4,289, net loss for the year 444. Suspensions and demits total 649.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made twelve loans during the year amounting to $1,385.00. Twenty-nine old loans were paid in full during the year. Balance on hand available for use $27,087.78.

The next Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, May 19–20, 1936.

Oregon, 1934

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Astoria, April 11, 1934, with Deputy Grand Commander Herbert L. Toney, presiding, owing to the death of Right Eminent Sir John K. Kollock.

We cannot find that any dispensations were requested or decisions rendered. The acting Grand Commander feels that each Grand Officer would feel the responsibility of his office and be more willing to work in his district, if elected by ballot without nomination. However, we notice the election was later carried on in the usual manner.

Grand Recorder Cheney reports a total membership in Oregon of 2,793, net loss for the year 239. Suspensions and demits total 254.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $16,617.51; disbursements $9,555.19; leaving a balance on hand of $7,062.32.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 19 loans during the year amounting to $2,905.00, or an average of $153.00 per loan. The Committee has a balance on hand of $2,029.50.

It was moved and carried that the history of the coming of Templarism to Oregon and the establishment of a Commandery in the year 1860, as prepared by the late Grand Commander Kollock, be printed in full in the Proceedings. This is a very interesting document and shows careful preparation.

Oregon, 1935

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Portland, April 10, 1935 with Grand Commander Herbert L. Toney, presiding.

Right Eminent Sir Toney presents a fine report of his administration, in which we find one dispensation granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

Grand Treasurer Trego reports receipts with balance on hand of $16,590.17; disbursements $10,353.77; leaving a balance on hand of $6,236.40; Invested Funds $7,250.00.

From the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Cheney, we find a total membership of 2,590, net loss for the year 203. Suspensions and demits total 228.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 11 loans during the year amounting to $1,465.00. The continued inability of many graduates to find employment has caused a slowing up of repayments of loans, but under the conditions, they have been as good as could be expected. They are loaning to Seniors only, and at a rate of 6%.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Portland, April 13, 1936.

Pennsylvania, 1935

The Eighty-second Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Pittsburgh, May 28, 1935. Grand Commander William B. Tipton was present, but owing to physical disability, V∴E∴Sir George W. Sitgreaves, Deputy Grand Commander and Acting Grand Commander, called the Sir Knights to order. Among the distinguished guests present, we note the name of our own Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Vaughn.

Fifty dispensations were granted and none refused. One decision was rendered. V∴E∴Sir Sitgreaves submits a very fine report of the year's activities and he is to be congratulated upon his efficiency in a difficult situation.

Grand Treasurer Musser reports receipts with balance on hand of $67,-118.99; disbursements $33,167.50; leaving a balance on hand of $33,951.49; Invested Funds $92,887.94.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 33,013, net loss for the year 2,372. Suspensions and demits total 2,178.

The Educational Foundation Committee has total loans of $474,535.00. Balance on hand in cash and bonds $105,461.61. While discussing collections they say, "Collections are effected not only by unemployment, but by early marriage, illness and failure to evidence a sense of honor, the possession of which was assured by the recommenders. Because of the latter condition, it has been found necessary, in several instances, to resort to legal assistance in order to enforce collection."

Right Eminent Sir Arthur D. Bacon presents his usual splendid Report on Templar Review, occupying 105 pages of the Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is thoroughly reviewed in three pages.

The Next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be held in the city of Easton, during May 1936.

South Carolina, 1935

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Columbia, April 17, 1935 with Grand Commander, Joseph E. Hart presiding.

A few routine dispensations were granted and three minor decisions (so called) were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Hart is disturbed by their financial conditions and recommends that Grand Commandery start to strengthen their position in this respect.

Grand Treasurer reports receipts with balance on hand of $4,123.21; disbursements $1,767.37; leaving a balance on hand of $2,355.84; of this balance, $1,549.47 is in closed banks and its value is doubtful.

From statistics furnished by the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 1,481, net loss for the year 286. Suspensions and demits total 294.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $3,420.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $1,118.87. In addition to this balance they have $2,555.03 in the defunct Peoples State Bank, but this is probably not collectible.

Grand Recorder Joseph Lindsay submits a 63-page report on Templar Reviews in which our Jurisdiction is courteously treated.

The next Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Rock Hill, April 15, 1936.

South Dakota, 1935

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the City of Pierre, July 29, 1935 with Grand Commander Vernie F. Warren, presiding.

Six dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $4,464.12; disbursements $2,344.60; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,119.52; Triennial Fund $204.30; Inspection Department $410.09.

Grand Recorder Pettigrew reports a total membership in the State of 2,248. Net loss for the year 217. Suspensions and demits total 238.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made eighteen loans during the year amounting to $3,410.00 leaving a balance on hand of $1,010.78. Repayments on principal and interest during the period aggregate $3,253.45.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota will be held in the City of Lead, August 24–26, 1936.

Tennessee, 1935

The Seventy-third Annual Conclave of Tennessee was convened in the city of Nashville, May 29, 1935, with Grand Commander Henry L. Fox, presiding.

Eleven dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $11,900.64; disbursements $8,287.60; leaving a balance on hand of $5,913.04; Triennial Fund $1,780.34.

Grand Recorder Doss reports a total membership of 2,674, net loss for the year 268. Suspensions and demits total 316.

Deputy Grand Master, Mark Norris, was present at this Conclave and was unanimously chosen an honorary member of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 7 new loans amounting to $1,300.00 and has a balance on hand available for use of $9,292.81. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $4,040.87 plus $1,441.14 in interest.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Nashville, in May 1936 at a date to be determined by the Grand Commander.

Texas, 1935

The Eighty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas was convened in the city of Wichita Falls, May 7–8–9, 1935, with Grand Commander, Will J. Rhea, presiding.

Eleven dispensations were granted and two refused. One decision relating to Life Membership was rendered. In spite of the severe drouth and adverse financial conditions, the Grand Commander is quite encouraged with general conditions in the Commanderies.

Grand Recorder, J. C. Kidd reports a total membership in Texas of 10,961, net loss for the year 1,183. Suspensions and demits total 1,310. Knighted 102. Bowie Commandery No. 79 has been merged with Godfrey Commandery No. 37.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $27,609.74; disbursements $16,588.08; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $11,021.66; Reserve Fund $30,000.00; Triennial Fund $489.43; Masonic Library Fund $503.80; Emergency Fund $500.00.

The Educational Loan Fund Committee submit a detailed report of their year's activities from which we glean that $23,497.50 has been loaned during the year, leaving a balance on hand of $9,927.31.

We learn with regret that Past Grand Commander John C. Kidd, who has compiled the reviews for Texas for many years, is seriously ill. The present Review was compiled by a fellow committeeman for Right Eminent Sir Kidd, and he has done a fine piece of work. Our Jurisdiction receives courteous attention in three pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Galveston, May 5–6–7, 1936.

Vermont, 1935

The Ninety-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont was convened in White River Junction, May 27, 1935, with Grand Commander Allan M. Hall, presiding. A long Delegation was present from Mass. and R. I., including Right Eminent Sirs Pollard, Hamilton and White, and Eminent Sir Adelbert E. Place.

One dispensation was granted and one refused. No decisions were rendered. Right Eminent Sir Hall is pleased with the work of the Grand Inspector the past year and compliments him highly.

Grand Recorder Harriman reports a total membership of 2,754, net loss for the year 230. Suspensions and demits total 180.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $10,165.78; disbursements $2,404.72; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $7,761.06 which is an increase of about $700.00 over the preceding year; Invested Funds $5,000.00.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 13 new loans during the year and has a balance on hand of $5,564.78. In spite of the care exercised by the Committee, there are a few of the borrowers who are inclined to regard their loan, not as a sacred obligation to be promptly met but more as a gift from a good-natured "Santa Claus".

Our old friend Christie B. Crowell submits a fine Report on Templar Review and we like his Finis, with its encouraging spirit of optimism. Thanks Christie, for treating our Jurisdiction so courteously.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Burlington, May 17–18, 1936.

Virginia, 1935

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia was convened in the city of Roanoke, May 16, 1935 with Grand Commander Frank G. Payne presiding.

Fifteen dispensations were granted and one refused. Several minor decisions were rendered. R∴E∴Sir Payne submits a very fine report of his years work and we wish our space would permit us to quote at length. He is pleased that the reports from Inspectors show an improvement over the previous year in some respects. He also says, "Let us not go around shouting for help, let us profit by our own mistakes and continue forward with a smile and determination to make the best of the situation and to overcome." This is good sound advice.

Grand Recorder Eddy reports a total membership of 5,155. Net loss for the year 362. Suspensions and demits total 308.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $8,087.18; disbursements $7,688.91; leaving a balance on hand of $398.27; Invested Funds $7,172.56.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made sixteen loans during the year amounting to $3,675.00. Balance on hand available for use $16,334.23. Repayments on principal and interest during the period aggregate $9,457.72.

R∴E∴Sir Robert F. Taylor presents his usual well written Report on Templar Review occupying 96 pages of the volume. Our Jurisdiction is very courteously treated in three pages and we thank him for his consideration.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Norfolk, May 14, 1936.

Washington, 1935

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Vancouver, May 13–14, 1935 with Grand Commander Marion L. Cotton presiding.

Twenty-one dispensations were granted and three refused. One minor decision was rendered.

Grand Treasurer Cramer reports receipts with balance on hand of $9,902.16; disbursements $5,092.55; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $4,809.61; Triennial Fund $15,505.45.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 4,017. Net loss for the year 148. Suspensions and demits total 183.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $2,270.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $8,650.86. Repayments on principal and interest during the period aggregate $6,897.15.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Tacoma, May 11–12, 1936.

West Virginia, 1935

The Sixty-first Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Clarksburg, May 15, 1935 with Grand Commander Harry C. Hoffman, presiding.

Three dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

From statistics furnished by the Grand Commander we find a total membership of 5,203, net loss for the year 250. Suspensions and demits total 253.

Grand Recorder Vandevort reports receipts with balance on hand of $10,294.19; disbursements $5,399.53; leaving a balance on hand of $4,-894.66. Triennial Fund $850.51; Invested Funds $10,999.15.

The Educational Foundation Committee has made 35 loans during the year amounting to $5,850.00. Balance on hand $4,489.20.

Right Eminent Sir Mark Norris, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was elected an honorary member of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

The next Annual Conclave of West Virginia will be held in the city of Huntington, on the third Wednesday of May, 1936.

Wisconsin, 1934

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Milwaukee, October 9, 1934, with Grand Commander Lewis A. Moore, presiding.

Twenty dispensations were granted and none were refused. Jurisprudence Committee rightly questioned several of the dispensations. No decisions were rendered. The Grand Commander approved the merging of Marinette and Oconto Commanderies, and his action was sustained by Grand Commandery.

Grand Recorder Fertig reports a total membership in Wisconsin of 9,530, net loss for the year 697. Suspensions and demits total 601.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer, we find receipts with balance on hand of $15,355.19; disbursements $10,381.32; leaving a balance on hand, in the General Fund of $4,973.87; Invested Funds $15,593.24.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $1,235.00 during the year and has a balance on hand of $15,389.03. Responsible endorsors of the note of the student are now required and a 6% interest rate has been established.

Wyoming, 1935

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of Wyoming was convened in the city of Buffalo, July 8, 1935, with Grand Commander, William J. Hagans, presiding.

Two dispensations were granted and none refused. Several minor decisions were rendered. The Grand Commander visited each of his nineteen Commanderies which is considered unusual in their Jurisdiction.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 1,302, net loss for the year 64. Suspensions and demits total 49.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts with balance on hand of $4,803.35; disbursements $1,372.36; leaving a balance on hand of $3,431.49.

The Educational Foundation Committee has loaned $1,170.32 during the year and has a balance on hand of $3,442.05. There has been some improvement in collections over that of a similar period last year.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Cheyenne, July 13, 1936.

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